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## Don't let our town turn in to an 'urban wilderness'

By Jenna Pudelek  
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A LEADING architect has slammed Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for not understanding what makes the town special and warns pushing ahead with transforming buildings into retail centres could be a recipe for disaster.

Ptolemy Dean, known as the historic buildings advisor on BBC2's Restoration series, says that under current proposals for development, the town risked becoming an "urban wilderness" like Maidstone or Ashford.

The expert, who lives in the town, but grew up in a village near Ashford, said: "You have to understand what makes Tunbridge Wells special and different.

"It is really two towns. There is the upper town with the commercial shopping centre and the retail complex like all these others in Kent. And then there is the historic, residential, town where you have local shops, the Pantiles area and Chapel Place.

"I think what makes it so different is that the centre is lived in as opposed to somewhere like Ashford. What's hap-

pened there is very clear and relevant to Tunbridge Wells. It was made into a large shopping centre in the middle of a ring road to serve all the car parks required. In so doing that destroyed all the housing in the centre of the town.

"If you do not understand the town, as I do not think the local authority does, you cannot appreciate it.

"It needs to be redeveloped, but on its own terms. If you want to improve the retail basis that is fine, but you must not do so at the expense of the other qualities of the place.

"It has to be liveable and not just a commercial retail town. History tells us it is very easy to focus on retail and destroy the liveable aspect, just like Maidstone and Ashford."

The council has argued that Tunbridge Wells must attract more retail businesses in order to compete with towns like Maidstone.

"Why do you need to compete? For whose benefit is this competition?" Mr Dean questioned. "You can get into London in 45 minutes and Bluewater is

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## Women are ready to race

■ CHARITY EFFORT: Tunbridge Wells hosts Race for Life this weekend **SEE INSIDE**

### TRANSPORT

## Light at end of A21 tunnel?

KENT Highways has been given until the autumn to further prove the current £125 million cost of the proposed A21 dualling can be halved. Top officials from Kent County Council and Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark met with the roads minister Mike Penning on Tuesday. **PAGE 5**

### FOOD

## Mystery meal on the menu

HE keeps his identity secret but hosts one of the hottest meal tickets in town - and this week Hari Covert talks to us about his underground restaurant movement, marketed via word of mouth and social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter. **PAGE 6**

### COMMUNITY

## Council office demolished

WORK got under way this week on pulling down the council offices in Cranbrook. The long-running saga of the community venue has been resolved since Bob Atwood took over as leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. The parish council is now seeking an alternative venue. **PAGE 5**



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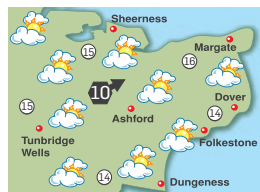
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## EDUCATION

# College sows the seeds of success despite cuts

By Jenna Pudelek

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A STRING of innovative commercial partnerships has allowed a leading land-based college to push ahead with ambitious plans despite a future clouded by reduced Government funding for education.

Chiefs at Hadlow College say private sector deals have helped more than quadruple turnover during the last six years and now account for a third of its total income.

The college says such agreements are essential to ensure education standards remain high as the squeeze on the public purse continues.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, finance director at the college, explained: "The public sector is often seen as a drain on the state. The public and private can work together if you have the right leadership. One third of our income is commercially driven by private sector partners. But it is mutually inclusive because we are getting better value for the public purse.

"We have received the highest 'out-standing' grade for our education so what better return can there be to the public purse?"

"This is quality education and the students get to see businesses succeeding as well. When these are mediocre the government still pays out."

Now the college is pushing ahead with plans for perhaps its most ambitious scheme yet – a secondary school with a 'rural ethos' created under the 'free schools' initiative.

It started consulting last month. Free schools are part of Conservative education policy and allow organisations, charities, groups of parents, existing schools and colleges, to apply for central Government funding to create a new school.

Hadlow Rural Community School will be for students aged 11 to 16 and based on Hadlow College's grounds near Tonbridge. If successful, it could be open for business as early as next year.

This would mark a remarkable turnaround for the college.

Under the threat of closure a decade

ago, it has seen turnover soar from £4 million to £17m between 2004 and 2010, courtesy of a slew of commercial ventures, including a tea room, farm shop, gardens, fishery and most recently a fish farm. Its once failing farm has also been transformed.

Mr Lumsdon-Taylor added: "We invested £21m. The commercial arms were appalling. There was a run down plant centre where you could buy dead plants, the farm was losing £100,000 a year and the college £500,000 a year.

"We wanted Hadlow, as a business, to have high quality aims for teaching and learning.

"Anything we did commercially must run to the same high levels and support the teaching and learning.

"There was no point having them if they were unsuccessful how would the students become employable?"

The investment in its commercial arms has allowed Hadlow to reduce its dependency on Government funding from 70 per cent to 40 per cent. The college has not made a loss in nine years.

## DEVELOPMENT

## Town centre needs to be 'liveable'

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not far away.

"They should be aiming to make it the best liveable town in the country like Winchester, Horsham and St Albans. They are top of the list of liveable towns, where people want to live and bring up their children. And Tunbridge Wells already has a pretty amazing retail offer."

Discussions about redeveloping the Town Hall and the rest of the Grade II-listed civic complex are among the most controversial of the council's plans.

Mr Dean, pictured, who specialises in preserving historic buildings and designing new buildings in sensitive locations, said: "The Town Hall is a rather pompous building but it is the civic heart of the town.

"It is a valuable civic complex and I rather dislike that, in their plans, the council shows a lack of understanding about how it works, thinking that the civic presence could just be removed and replaced, that actually shopping is the most important thing. To replace the Town Hall would create one great big endless shopping centre."

Asked if he took part in M&N's consultation, which polled residents' views on redevelopment, he said: "To be honest I felt the council would not fairly assess the public consultation and that they had already decided.

"Of course this was before the loss of Roy Bullock.

"I've joked that the Arab Spring began in Tunbridge Wells – the overthrowing of Bullock set forth a great revolutionary wave."

Deputy council leader David Jukes said: "The thoughts we have on the future shape for the town are different to the previous cabinet and once we have crystallised our ideas they will be put to the council and the public forum before any major action is taken."



## FUNDRAISING

## Students rough it to raise cash for homeless

PUPILS at K College who slept outside in the cold in February raised more than £800 for a homeless charity.

They have presented Porchlight with a cheque for £811.09 at the Brook Street Campus following their fund raising event during the winter.

A total of 13 students and three staff members took part in a sponsored sleep-out, camped out in cardboard boxes at the new college building.

They were inspired by meeting a former drug and gambling addict who spent part of his life on the streets.

Apart from their course leader, Lisa Eaton, who had the best sleeping bag,



**ROUGH:** The students slept outside to raise more than £800 for Porchlight

the students found one night tough.

Mrs Eaton said: "My husband loves climbing so I borrowed one of his sleeping bags and I was tucked up warmly, but I think I was the only one.

"They got hardly any sleep, and they

realised how lucky they were to be able to pop inside to use the loos.

"It really made them think about what it would be like to be homeless."

The early years students were supported by catering students who ran a soup kitchen.

Porchlight's Rachel Van Hoven, accepting the cheque, said: "This is amazing. It's not just the money raised, it's the sign that these young people want to, and can, help.

"This is very important to the people we work with, it shows they're not forgotten and these students want to help them get their lives back on track."

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## FUNERAL

# Removal man laid to rest after final delivery in van

By Chris Britcher

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AFTER 38-years as a removal man, there was only one way friends and family could imagine the much-loved Andy Chapman making his final journey.

So after his tragic death following a heart attack two weeks ago, his wife agreed that the way his body should be conveyed to the funeral service was in the back of the van he had last driven.

Amid the tears there were smiles too as Mr Chapman, 58, was taken to a Hawkhurst church, where his mother is buried, from his home in Tunbridge Wells.

His widow Cynthia had requested the unusual send-off to recognise his long career in the business, including 24 years for the firm Bishop's Move, for whom he was working at the time of his death.

Steve Littler, a manager at the firm, said: "Andy deserved a proper send-off and after speaking to Cynthia we all agreed that transporting his body in the final vehicle he drove would be deemed as a fitting goodbye and a tribute to his hard work for the company."

"We knew this would have

been exactly what he had wanted."

Darron Day was a close friend of Mr Chapman and was the driver for the sad journey. He said: "I was honoured to drive Andy to his final resting place."

"He wasn't just a colleague, he was also a good mate, not just of mine but with most of the staff. That's just the way he was; he got along with everyone. He will be sorely missed by us all. His death has left a hole in the company which will never be filled again."

Managing director of the company, Alistair Bingle, added: "Andy was a loyal servant of the company and had been with us for a long time."

"His enthusiasm for his work and love of life was evident from the first day he walked through that door right up to a couple of weeks ago."

"He will be sadly missed by us all and we send our deepest condolences to his wife Cynthia and the rest of the family."

The removal van driver had 38 years of experience in the removal industry, having previously worked for Weekes Removals before moving on to Beastalls Removals which was in turn taken over by Bishop's Move in 1987. The firm is based on the Spa Indus-



**SEND-OFF:** Andy Chapman took his final trip in the back of his Bishop's Move van – he had worked for the firm for 24 years

trial Estate on Longfield Road.

A collection was also made at Mr Chapman's funeral which raised more than £150 for the British Heart Foundation.

## CHARITY RUN

## Dunorlan the stage for a Race for Life double

THOUSANDS of women will this weekend descend on Dunorlan Park for this summer's Race for Life fund-raising extravaganza.

The annual women-only event which raises vital cash to help fund research into cancer treatments, will see over 3,000 take part either walking, jogging or running the 5k route in two separate events at the Tunbridge Wells park – one getting under way at 10am, the other at 2pm.

Prior to the start, women and their supporters will be treated to a zumba demonstration and an aerobic warm-up, then throughout the day will be musical performances from Bloco Fogo and Stagecoach Tunbridge Wells.

Suzi Dent, Race for Life event

manager for the south east, said: "Some ladies are worried that they won't be able to complete the course. But the truth is Race for Life is not at all competitive and most women are able to walk the 5k route in just one hour."

"In that same amount of time around five people will be diagnosed with cancer in the South East. When you think of it in those terms, taking part in Race for Life is a remarkable opportunity to change the lives and future of people with the disease."

"So we are urging mums, grans, daughters, sisters, friends and workmates to enter as soon as possible."

Organisers are hoping participants at the Tunbridge Wells event will raise £486,000.

Last year 3,031 women took part and helped raise £240,400 for Cancer Research UK.

Women can boost their contribution to Cancer Research UK's work by doing a 'wardrobe work-out' before their event.

The charity is encouraging them to sort out and bag up clothes, books and accessories they no longer use and take them to the donation station at Dunorlan.

Each bag could help raise as much as an extra £30 for life-saving research.

For more details of the Tunbridge Wells race and other Race for Life events across Kent and East Sussex, see www.raceforlife.org. Closing date for entries to the Dunorlan race is Thursday, June 9.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ Spitfires engage fans

KENT Spitfires flew into Royal Victoria Place last Friday for a special meet and greet with fans during Tunbridge Wells cricket week.

All 14 members of the squad signed posters and flags for more than 200 fans at the Food Court Terrace.

Marc Burchett, senior marketing manager at RVP, said: "It was fantastic that the team took time out of their busy schedule to come down to meet fans of all ages who came to see them."

### ➔ Mela plans hot up

ORGANISERS of this year's Tunbridge Wells Mela are hoping more than 6,000 people will flock to the annual event when it takes place in Calverley Grounds next month.

The free multi-cultural event takes place on Sunday, July 17 and is organised by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. The colourful event will feature music and dance and food and drink with more than 400 children from eight local schools taking part in the launch parade on July 6.

### ➔ Jazz nights back again

JAZZ on the Pantiles is back with thousands set to flock to listen to live music on the bandstand at the Tunbridge Wells venue.

Events will run every Thursday from June 9 through to early September. Performances start at 7.30pm and finish no later than 10.30pm.

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## TRAVEL

# KCC given extension by minister to prove A21 dualling is viable option

By Jenna Pudelek

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KENT Highways has been given until the autumn to further prove the current £125 million cost of the proposed A21 dualling can be halved.

Kent County Council's leader Paul Carter, cabinet member for highways Bryan Sweetland and Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, met with the roads minister Mike Penning on Tuesday to prove their case that the much-needed scheme can be provided for less.

If the slashed costing can be proven the project's value for money would improve and it would move up the ranking of road-improvement schemes awaiting Government funding.

After this week's meeting, Cllr Carter said: "The minister listened closely to our proposal for carrying out the urgently needed A21 improvements at a much reduced cost as proposed by KCC. Our figures demonstrate clearly that this can be done."

"The minister would now like us to work further with the Highways Agency and the Department for Transport to develop a more detailed business case for full assessment in the autumn, including the potential for external funding."

"This assessment exercise will determine the prioritisation of schemes not yet under way and



**IMPROVEMENTS:** The A21 continues to be a traffic nightmare for motorists

when statutory processes should begin."

Construction on the improvements between Tonbridge and Pembury had been due to start this year, but the scheme was postponed until at

least 2015 by last year's spending review. It was among 14 put on hold by the Government.

The Highways Agency's proposals for the dualling cost £125m, but KCC calculated it could provide the scheme for half that amount.

Cllr Carter, Cllr Sweetland and Mr Clark first met with Mr Penning in March. He gave them an initial six weeks to prove their case.

Mr Clark, the decentralisation minister, said: "Local people and businesses have waited far too long for these road improvements. KCC has presented a very creative way forward by cutting costs and having much greater local control."

"At a time of considerable strain on public finances, we must now work together to present the very best technical and financial case to ministers in the autumn."

Mr Clark is keen that the public inquiry into dualling is re-started so that work is ready to begin as soon as funds are available.

Cllr Sweetland added: "KCC has shown that local authorities can design and construct roads in a more cost effective way than the traditional methods and we thank the Highways Agency for their openness and assistance in the formation of our proposal."

"We still need to agree how and when funding will be available and we are planning further meetings with the Department for Transport in the autumn."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Students' wild lessons

THIRTY-three students and four lecturers from Hadlow College have just returned from a two-week wildlife studies field trip to Zambia in southern Africa.

The students, studying for a National Diploma in animal management, visited the famous South Luangwa National Park and learnt about the wildlife conservation and social development challenges faced by developing world African countries.

## Mass musical tribute

AN "UPLIFTING" modernisation of a requiem mass is set to be performed as part of a commemorative concert in Tunbridge Wells.

The Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society is holding the concert on June 25, in St John's Church in memory of one of the group's long-standing member Richard Gosling.

Conducted by Richard Jenkinson, tickets cost £5 and are available at the door or by calling 07905 605441 for advance reservations.

## Retro store on Pantiles

A NEW shop described as a "retro, eco-lifestyle concept store" and drawing on inspiration from Europe, has opened on the Pantiles.

Stuff & Good Sense features design classics from the 50s, 60s and 70s along with locally-sourced art and ethical home-made products.

The store is run by creative agency Torpedo Juice which operates from an office below the store, close to the Tourist Information Centre.

## COUNCIL

## Ex council site gets torn down

DEMOLITION work has begun on the former council offices in Cranbrook.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council said clearing the site would take five weeks after getting under way on Monday.

Deputy leader of the authority David Jukes, portfolio holder for property and major projects portfolio holder, said: "As residents will be aware, the parish council is actively seeking an alternative site for a local community facility. I can assure residents the borough council will support it in developing this community resource at its preferred location."

The site has been at the centre of much disagreement between people in Cranbrook and the borough council.

But relations have warmed since Bob Atwood took over as leader of the council.

Cranbrook Parish Council chair Peter North said: "The parish council have unanimously supported the demolition of the offices and we hope the town will benefit from any regeneration of the site."

Cllr Atwood added: "The council hope to be able to use some of the profits from the redevelopment of the old site towards Cranbrook's proposed new community centre."

## THEFTS



**CRIME SCENE:** Kent & Sussex saw toilet seat swiped by crooks

## Callous thieves stole £28,545 from hospitals over five years

A TOILET seat and cash from a charity box are among items totalling thousands of pounds that have been stolen from west Kent hospitals.

New figures show that callous thieves took a range of equipment worth £28,545 from Kent & Sussex and Pembury hospitals between 2004 and 2009, although the price of many of the 17 items was not recorded.

A spokesman for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust said: "Being a victim of theft is bad enough for anyone, but stealing from the NHS affects countless people who

rely on our services.

"While thefts have fallen markedly in recent years, the irony is thieves are stealing from a service that their loved ones might one day need."

Among the items stolen from the Kent & Sussex were three laptops, seven PCs, a security camera, a raised toilet seat, plasma TV, cash from a charity box and an anorectal manometry diagnostic device.

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## News

### DINING



**HUSH HUSH:** Secret restaurants are unlicensed and rely on social media such as Twitter and word of mouth to attract diners

# Delicacies served up at secret supper club

FROM the outside all appears completely normal, as guests arrive for a dinner party at a pleasant looking townhouse situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a village close to Tunbridge Wells.

No-one would suspect what is going on inside. I ring the doorbell with uncertainty, checking the crumpled piece of paper to reassure myself I am at the right place. The door opens and I'm greeted by a stranger who invites me to enter Kent's first underground restaurant.

Inside it's a cross between a dinner party and a restaurant. You're eating in someone's home and paying for it. However, the restaurants, also known as supper clubs, are unlicensed and technically illegal. They avoid hygiene inspections and paying taxes by keeping things a closely

**REBECCA HUGHES** delves into the hidden gourmet world of the underground restaurant movement

guarded secret. But it also means that they can't advertise and so rely on social media and word-of-mouth to attract a following.

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## I did it as a bit of a two fingers up to a local restaurateur to prove to them using Facebook and Twitter is the way forward.

**HARI COVERT, SECRET RESTAURATEUR**

Hari Covert. Unsurprisingly, he keeps his identity to himself. He recently joked online he would appear at the Pantiles Food Festival last month wearing a balaclava.

He opened the first in the county and since then they've grown in popularity across the region.

"It was done as a bit of a two fingers up to a local restaurateur to prove to them that using Facebook and Twitter was the way forward in terms of marketing their business," he explains.

"I made a pitch to them before to do some social media to market their restaurant and they pooh-poohed it. So I thought how short sighted of them. We had just had a conservatory added on our house and I thought this would make a nice restaurant and that's basically what we did."

Within three days of Hari's website going live he had his first booking where guests came from 13 miles away. Since then his popularity has soared. He puts this success down to the use of social media.

"It has been phenomenal; Twitter in particular. I've got over 600 followers in a little over a year. I look for nearby tweets from people and start following those people. Because of the etiquette of Twitter they start following you and get a little curious. Their curiosity gets the better of them and they start thinking, well who is Hari Covert?"

The event is swathed in secrecy, with the location revealed shortly before the evening. To keep his own identity secret Hari uses a pseudonym adapted from the green bean, haricot vert, and most never learn his real name. He even kept the restaurant a secret from his neighbours until they discovered it.

"One of my neighbours found out through a

magazine article about the underground restaurant movement. They thought it sounded interesting and they searched underground restaurants in Kent on Google. They found my website and were looking at the pictures and thought they recognised it. I got an email from them asking 'do you do takeaways through the hedge?'. They had no idea we had a restaurant; they just thought we had regular dinner parties."

However, Hari doesn't believe he can hide his identity forever and that eventually someone will 'grass him up' to the council.

"I'm sure they would do, but life is too short to worry about it. I would just stop doing it here in my own home and find other venues. We're going to set up a cheese restaurant in a local cheese maker's cellar for one night in September and we will serve a dinner using his cheese, probably at every course. We're just experimenting."

Hari experienced his first underground dinner a year ago before setting up his own.

"It was very bizarre going to someone's home in Brixton. I went up two flights of stairs to the top of this little Victorian terraced house and he cooked some amazing food for a minimum donation of £25. You're not allowed to say you charge or what the cost is - it's a donation and that's the whole idea behind it because under-

ground means you're technically illegal."

Discussing the illegal aspect of his work he said: "It's a bit of fun and a bit different. I like that sort of on-the-edge idea."

For a minimum donation of £30 guests get a four-course meal at Hari's.

"In terms of making money out of it, no it doesn't make vast amounts. It's pin money admittedly, but it's a bit of a laugh and you're welcoming complete strangers into your home."

He said people are often nervous before turning up, going as far as driving past the day before to see the place, but everyone ends up enjoying it

and some have been inspired to start their own.

One visitor, Peter, brought his wife to Hari's for a 40th birthday surprise.

He said: "I didn't really get what the supper club was about until that evening. We had a superb meal and about half-way through the meal my wife suggested we could do something similar."

Peter now runs his own underground restaurant called The Hole Hog in Surrey.

Hari added: "I'm sure there are budding restaurateurs out there that would love to have their own establishment but can't afford to do it. This is an easy way of doing it."

## By Jenna Pudelek

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WALKERS have been urged to join Hospice in the Weald's largest fund-raising event.

The Moonlight Walk around Tunbridge Wells has turned into a bit of a midnight feast with local producers supporting the eight-mile trek, and this year features best-selling novelist Victoria Hislop, who lives in Sissinghurst, as its star turn.

Arena Gold, which makes apple juice grown from their farm overlooking Bewl Water, will provide refreshments to the walkers before they start, leaving from the Land Registry building at 10pm next Friday, June 17.

The walk's route takes fundraisers past the hospice's shop in Camden Road where they will be able to stop for a free sweetness boost of Goudhurst-based Taywell ice cream.

Rachel Holweger, fund-raising director at the Pembury-based palliative care centre, said: "We are very grateful to Arena Gold and Taywells for supporting the Moonlight Walk and a massive thank you also to Victoria Hislop for joining in on the night. We want to make this our biggest Moonlight Walk ever and need more people to sign up."

The hospice has urged groups of friends and colleagues to enter and help make this year the biggest yet. Enter online at [www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk](http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk) or call Ruth Fahie on 01892 820508 or email [ruth.fahie@hospiceintheweald.org.uk](mailto:ruth.fahie@hospiceintheweald.org.uk).



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## GRANTS

# Cash pot up for grabs for community groups

By Chris Britcher

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VOLUNTARY groups and community organisations can be in with a shot of claiming a share of a council grant handout over the coming weeks.

As part of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's annual distribution of funds to local projects, on Monday it opened up applications for its round of small grants of up to £3,500.

In March, the council gave the green light for £404,250 of grant funding to 20 voluntary and community organisations providing what it says is "valuable service to the residents of the borough". This included hand-outs to the likes of the Trinity Theatre.

Others receiving cash included the Tunbridge Wells & District Citizens Advice Bureau, local MENCAP, Shopmobility, Number One Community Trust in Showfields, Rusthall Community & Youth Project



**BENEFITING:** The Trinity Theatre is one of the groups to gain grant funding so far

and VSU Youth In Action.

The second application period for voluntary and community organisations delivering community projects, and in search of smaller scale grants, between April 1 this year and March 31 of 2012, opened on Monday. The closing date is

Monday, July 11.

A spokesman for the council said: "The council recognises the important role that voluntary and community groups play in the provision of services and activities for residents, and the great benefit of grant support to these organisations, especially in the current economic climate."

"The grants programme aims to assist voluntary and community organisations working to help develop safer and stronger communities and provide leisure opportunities throughout the borough."

"The council is particularly keen to support projects or schemes that benefit children or young people, older people, people with disabilities and people from minority ethnic backgrounds."

For more information on the grants scheme and how to apply, contact Nick Green on 01892 554108, or e-mail nick.green@tunbridgewells.gov.uk.

## CRIME

## Police warn against leaving bags in cars

DRIVERS have been urged not to leave valuables in their cars after a handbag was stolen from the boot of a car parked near a pub.

The bag, which contained a mobile phone, purse and camera, was taken from a silver Nissan Note that was parked in a car park near the Fox and Hound in Toys Hill, Westerham.

A rear window was smashed to gain access to the boot where the bag had been hidden.

## FUNDRAISING

## New mode of travel for charity truckers

TRUCKERS have begun a 13-day cycle ride around the UK to raise awareness and funds for an international development charity.

The cyclists began the first leg of the challenge organised by the Freight Transport Association on Tuesday, starting from outside its offices in St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells. They will ride 43 miles through East Grinstead, Crawley, Horsham, Cranleigh and finish in Guildford.

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## FOOD

# Appetite returns for farmers' market after five years away

By Jenna Pudelek

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A CHILLI producer is turning up the heat by bringing a farmers' market back to Tonbridge, for the first time in five years.

While neighbour Tunbridge Wells continues to draw crowds to markets in both the Pantiles and outside the Town Hall, Tonbridge has been forced to look on.

But now a local producer has vowed to put the town back on the culinary map.

Steve Wood said the monthly events, which start on Sunday, June 12, will offer a wide range of fresh, local produce as well as chef demonstrations and a covered seating area with food and drink.

"I'm a producer, I grow chillis and make chilli oils and sauces," he said.

"I looked around at all the farmers' markets in the area and I thought Tonbridge seemed the right place to do something because there is not one there."

Mr Wood, who lives in Pembury, said: "A lot of surrounding villages and towns have benefited from having very successful ones.

"With interest in great, fresh, local produce at an all-time high, now is prob-



RETURN: Steve Wood came up with idea

ably the best time for Tonbridge to be put back on the map for good food and a great shopping experience."

More than 50 stalls are set to showcase produce at the market, which will be held in the Sovereign Way long-stay car park between Waitrose and Sainsbury's. They will run the second

Sunday of every month.

"It is going to be a wide variety with something for everyone," Mr Wood said.

"There will be plenty of local meat, veggie stuff and even some vegan products. Local fresh fruits, which are in season at the moment, and vegetables."

Weather permitting, a demonstration kitchen will be set up and manned by local chefs and producers.

Customers will be able to find out how to use the produce on sale and pick up cooking tips. The first market will see Neil Scott from the Globe and Rainbow in Kildown give some cooking tips.

Asked how he will compete with the established markets nearby including Tunbridge Wells, Mr Wood said: "It's going to be a little bit different; there will be the demonstration kitchen where people can learn about produce and a market cafe where people can sit and eat. It is not just going to be a standard farmers' market."

There will also be stalls selling local crafts and every month the market will give a free pitch to a local charity or organisation.

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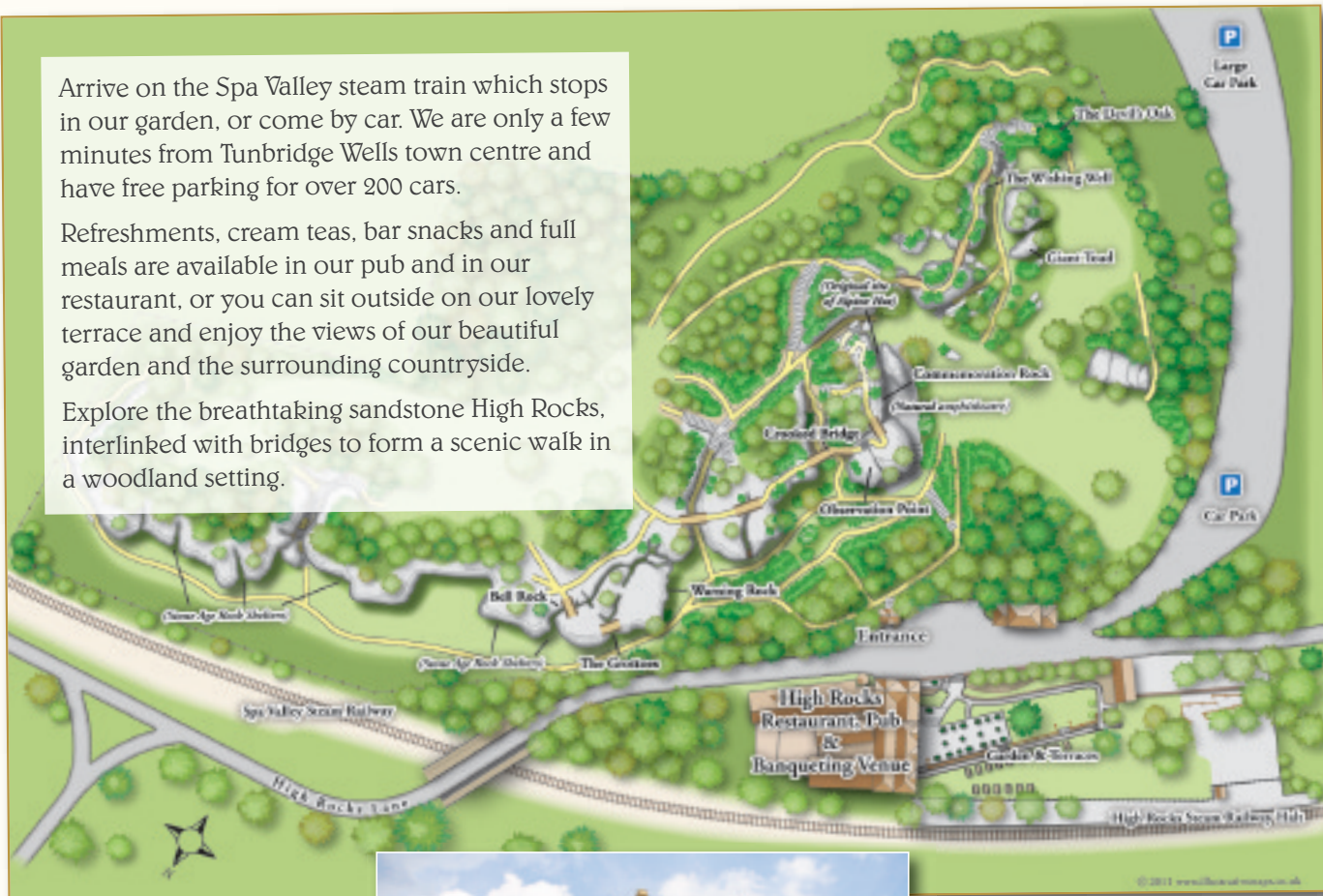
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## News

### AWARDS

# Red carpet treatment for community heroes

By Chris Britcher

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GENEROUS folk, who give up their spare time to help the community, received their moment in the sun recently as the fourth annual Val Joy Community Awards took place.

More than 50 individuals and 12 community groups were nominated for the awards organised by Town & Country Foundation, the charitable arm of Tunbridge Wells-based Town & Country Housing Group.

The ceremony, which was attended by more than 140 people, took place at the Christian Centre in Hanover Road, and saw those nominated treated like VIPs for the day.

Community development manager Dawn Grant said: "These people really are unsung heroes. For once, we were able to let them know how much they are appreciated."

Among those picking up awards was young volunteer of



Picture: DAVID HODGKINSON PHOTOGRAPHY

**DEDICATED:** The winners have been recognised for their efforts

the year Stephen Tansley, 17, for helping out at the Bliss Café in Southborough.

Community champion of the year, Celia Townner, has been involved in community activities in Sherwood for more than 45 years. The good neighbour award went to Martin Warriner for his efforts to make Showfields a pleasant place to live.

Michael Scrivens was named new volunteer of the year for his help at the TN2 community

centre in Sherwood. Meanwhile, 4RRA – the Four Road Residents' Association – is community group of the year. A lifetime achievement award went to Jennifer Blackburn.

The annual awards were introduced in memory of Val Joy, who made a huge difference through her voluntary work in the Sherwood community. Members of her family attended the event and presented prizes. Mrs Joy died five years ago.

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PANTOMIME

# EastEnders' Dirty Den to play panto villain at the Stag

By Jenna Pudelek

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LEGENDARY soap villain Leslie Grantham – famed for playing Dirty Den in EastEnders – has joined the panto line-up at the Stag Theatre.

True to type, TV's favourite baddie will star as the Demon King in Mother Goose during the coming festive season at the Sevenoaks arts centre.

Panto producer Jamie Wilson, who is returning for his third successive year to stage the show, said: "Securing the actor who played the legendary Den Watts is massive news for the town, and very exciting for me personally."

"I remember seeing him play Captain Hook in panto when I was around 10-years-old. It was one of the moments that made me such a fan of pantomime, and to be able to bring him to Sevenoaks, and work with him on my own production, is incredible."

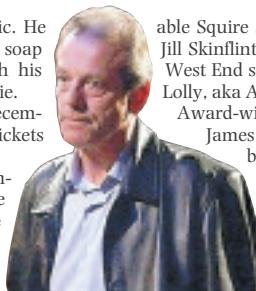
"He was fantastic in the panto back then, and I'm sure he'll be fantastic in Mother Goose."

Dirty Den was in the first episodes of the popular BBC soap when it started in 1985, as the

original landlord of the Queen Vic. He became one of the most infamous soap characters of all time along with his stormy relationship with wife Angie.

Mother Goose will run from December 9, to January 1, 2012 and tickets are already on sale.

Joining Mr Grantham will be another TV baddie. But Terrence Hardiman, who played the title role in CBBC's The Demon Headmaster, will be showing a nicer side playing the grumpy, but lov-



able Squire Skinflint. His on-stage daughter, Jill Skinflint, will be played by 90s pop star, West End star and Sevenoaks panto regular Lolly, aka Anna Kumble.

Award-winning British soul singer Nate James has joined the cast as principal boy Colin Goose alongside the theatre's regular panto family of Robert Pearce and Ant Payne, who will play his mum, Mother Goose, and brother, Silly Billy Goose, respectively.

"It's a ridiculously talented

cast. A soap legend, a children's TV legend, two chart-topping singers, and a comic and dame back by popular demand.

"The pressure is always on to make each year's panto better than the last, but with a cast like this, half the work is done for me," Mr Wilson added.

Meanwhile, the Assembly Hall theatre in Tunbridge Wells will bring Sleeping Beauty to life with a production featuring another former EastEnders' star, Glynis Barber, who is most famed for her role in the 1980s police drama Dempsey & Makepeace and Derek Moran, presenter of the Channel 5 children's show Milkshake.

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## News

CARE

# Couple's moving story of life with lung cancer

By Jenna Pudelek

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FOR nearly half a century, husband and wife Sheila and Tom Ford have been together. But in recent years they have faced a battle unlike any other, after the shadow of cancer was cast over them.

Mrs Ford, 69, has lung cancer. Now her husband, 76, finds himself caring for her – a job made easier only by the support and concern of Pembury's Hospice in the Weald.

Mr Ford describes his wife as "brave and optimistic" and gives a moving account of their life.

The pair, from Tonbridge, enjoy their time together; going out for meals and sharing a love of football. But Mr Ford admits his wife's diagnosis has had an impact on their lives.

"In some ways everything is different," he reflects. "With her gradual deterioration there have been a series of hospital trips for scans and blood tests and I take Sheila to all the places she needs to be.

"We lived in the same house together for 25 years until the doctor suggested that we move to a bungalow because Sheila would struggle with the stairs.

"It took a while to make it home, but a friend has helped me sort the place out and I have finished the garden so we can sit out together.

"Then in lots of ways things haven't changed. We still go out for meals together and watch the football. Sheila loves football too, we support Charlton Athletic and used to go to their matches, now it's too far so we go to watch Tonbridge Angels."

Mr Ford said that since they were referred to the Pembury-based hospice it has helped take some of the pressure off his role as a carer.

"When we were first referred to the hospice I thought it was somewhere you went in and never came out, but now I know differently," he says.

"Everyone is so kind and approachable and they always have time for you.

"My wife's the one in trouble but they let me be involved, like going on day therapy outings with her.

"We have been to so many places, recently we went lambing and to Marle Place and I still have the photos from all our outings with the hospice.

"They have taken a lot of pressure off me. I had a bit of a bad back and the complementary therapist, Ruth, helped me with it. I didn't know they could help me, I'm not the patient, but everyone has been fantastic.

"Dawn from the counselling support service and Barbara from the ward organise a carers drop-in meeting at 1pm every day.

"They put in so much effort and it is a great



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STILL TOGETHER: Tom and Sheila Ford

help. I go every week whilst I am waiting for Sheila when she is in day therapy."

He added: "Sheila is so brave and optimistic. I sat and tried to analyse the experience and what she is going through."

"She has not put a foot wrong in the 50 years I have known her, she's a complete giver. I can't put myself in her place, but her courage comes through."

Mrs Ford, 69, said: "I would be completely lost if I didn't have Tom's help and support. There are some things I just can't do, like vacuum cleaning, and Tom does them now."

"Coming to the day therapy centre at Hospice in the Weald is great. Tom gets to relax with the paper and a cup of tea and I can get my hair done, have Reiki and talk to other people going through something similar."

"At the moment we are making jewellery and last year I made bookmarks to give to my friends. I have always been a bit creative, but am even more so now."

Starting on Monday is National Carers' Week, which raises awareness and pays tribute to the vital role people who look after friends, relatives and loved ones play.

The 2001 Census found that one in eight adults in the UK is a carer and 737,751 of those are in the south east. In our ageing society and with the NHS under huge financial pressure their number will continue to increase and their role will be ever more important.

Hospice in the Weald said it provided physical, social, emotional and spiritual care to carers and families of patients with life-limiting illnesses.

Paula Wilkins, nursing director at the palliative care centre, said: "Being a carer is a 24-hour job, 365 days a year, and is all encompassing."

"We have always strived to support carers and with the shift in emphasis of more people wanting to remain at home, one of our big developments this year is to introduce a role specifically aimed at supporting our patient's carers."

## PROPERTY

## Interest-free loans to empty property owners

LOANS of up to £25,000 are being offered to owners of properties in Tonbridge and Malling that have been left empty and unused for more than six months.

The scheme is part of Kent County Council's No Use Empty initiative, which was launched in 2005 to tackle the growing housing shortage across the county.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council was already part of the scheme to provide owners of run-down, unused properties with information and advice about how to return them to use.

But the local authority has now joined the Loan Fund element of the initiative to offer interest-free loans to cover the cost of repairs and renovations.

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### OPINION

# EU bailout a burden too far

Ukip leader Nigel Farage says we should use public money for services at home – not abroad on EU funding for the likes of Portugal and Greece

ACCORDING to county council figures, the Government's austerity drive is forcing Kent to find £340 million savings from its £2.4 billion budget.

This amounts to at least 1,500 jobs lost out of 12,000 council employees and almost 10,000 public sector workers, all told.

A report produced by the council in January shows the knock-on effect of the cuts beyond the 1,500 directly employed will be 37,910 across the county.

Meanwhile the Government has so far committed £12.5bn, or £604 per man, woman and child, to the European Union bailouts.

The Labour government left a legacy of financial failure.

This Government talks about cuts but in fact is increasing public spending.

The taxes raised do not cover the spending already committed.

Any household, any business, any department, in the situation we are in now would recognise that we cannot go on like this.

According to the Local Government Rich List, a study by the Taxpayers' Alliance, there are 31 Kent County Council staff on six-figure salaries, one of the highest number for any council in England.

There is fat to be cut in Kent. Taxpayers have been paying far too much for far too long.

But when we see what is being cut, it isn't the big salary positions.

In recent months we have learnt that school libraries are for the chop – a brilliant idea when educational standards are decreasing.

Low-paid nurses in Kent are being forced to pay for parking at work; subsidised bus services for some of the more isolated villages could be axed, threatening isolation

for our pensioners.

Youth clubs are being hit, and the local Kent Police Federation is considering action over proposed cuts of over 500 officers.

And these are just some of the issues that I have received in my mailbox.

Of course, there is a massive elephant in the room when we talk about the Government's partial austerity measures; an elephant that has an insatiable appetite – the EU bailouts.

The bailout is there to fund the failures of EU policy: to pay for their financial failures.

Don't get me wrong; I am appalled by the legacy of waste at home, but the £12.5bn that has been committed by this country to spend on Portugal, Ireland and Greece, makes it impossible to balance the books.

Anybody who is worried about a services being cut or



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**No more of the EU bailouts, no more throwing our money away to Brussels**

chopped should be aware that the Government is planning a reduction in spending of £20bn – of which over half is already committed to the EU bailouts.

So more than half of the night on 40,000 jobs in Kent could be saved if we were not ensuring that libraries in Athens were kept open!

If you are running a campaign against the cuts, then get in touch at [nigel.farage@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:nigel.farage@europarl.europa.eu).

I want to know because the Government needs to be told.

No more EU bailouts, no more throwing our money away to Brussels.

People here in Kent are angry about this, and want their money spent on their own services.

■ **Nigel Farage, is the leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party (Ukip) and a South East MEP. He lives in Westerham.**

## KOS COMMENT

Hospital thefts a new low for our society

THERE are lots of crimes that defy comprehension, and hearing about the theft of thousands of pounds worth of equipment from our hospitals is surely one of them.

Quite what goes through the mind of someone who decides to raid the cash-strapped NHS will baffle anyone with just a dash of social conscience.

We all pay for our health service and we all must feel the anger when a selfish few steal from it.

Race for Life a giant step in right direction

EACH year parks around the country turn a shade of pink as women of all ages take part in a Race for Life - the annual charity fundraiser for Cancer Research UK. And this weekend it descends on Tunbridge Wells' Dunorlan Park.

With many runners, or walkers, taking part in memory of a loved one hit by the terrible disease it is a rare event where smiles and tears mingle. It deserves the support of us all.

## The Event.

Friday 17th June – Sunday 19th June.

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### Reinstate it as a cinema

At last some sense. Reading your letters page last week, Harold Smythe hit the nail fairly and squarely on the head by demanding the current cinema grot spot be turned into, wait for it, a cinema again.

It is commonsense. And surely, if there is a real demand for a town centre cinema, Odeon would relish being the ones who bring it back?

Now, I wonder if the council will consider that as an option should they get round to acquiring the site? I suspect not, if there's the chance of some more shops going there instead.

**Lee Morgan, by email**

### Turn it into an oasis of calm

The secret of Tunbridge Wells' appeal, in my opinion, is its wide open green spaces.

There's the common, there is Calverley Park, there are a host of other patches of green and it makes all the difference.

So, applying that logic, why not bulldoze the cinema site and replace it simply with a beautiful town centre oasis?

That way the eye-sore is removed; the council cannot be accused of simply looking to wring every penny out of every piece of land in the town centre, and we all get a lovely place to enjoy.

**Ian Whittaker,  
High Brooms**

### Rural school a great idea

I applaud the efforts of Hadlow College in pushing ahead with plans for a rural free school.

For far too long in this part of the world we have allowed our rural communities to slip. Traditional industry is ignored in favour of town-based office work. In short, we have turned our back on what was once our rural backbone.

So to establish a school with a 'rural ethos' sounds like a fine idea. To embed in the youth the importance, the significance and the potential of our countryside for the future – and not simply to pave over it for more office blocks.

I, for one, hope the college is successful in its bid.

**L Potter, Tonbridge**

### Support work of Amnesty

Having written very many letters over the years on the instruction of Amnesty International I felt it only fair to write one in support of it given that it this year celebrates its 50th anniversary – as highlighted in your newspaper last week.

There are many charities which change lives, but perhaps none which have developed such a simple mechanism to force change and freedoms. The art of letter writing to apply pressure on governments, to show a swell of international feeling, to demonstrate that the world's attention has not turned a blind eye, has proved time and time again to be an effective method. And what is more, it has freed people from the most unfair and terrible of conditions.

And for that, it is worthy of a letter supporting it and its ambitions.

**Jay Smith, Sevenoaks**

### Show us the cost benefits

With reference to P Herron of Paddock Wood on your letters page last week, may I please remind them that the truth of our awful situation is rarely told and can only be discovered through those editors who have the courage to print facts that are unsavoury to the un-elected bureaucrats and their devoted followers.

If some of the public prefer to run about with their fingers in their ears, they of course should be free to do so. But, what of the others who are keen to read more facts? Here are some more that many may find hard to take.

The European Union has now seized the right to speak at the United Nations on behalf of its 27 member states. Britain may eventually lose its seat altogether. This seat was awarded to us at the close of the Second World War.

It may also be well to note, "from 1973 to 2010, Britain paid total accumulated contributions to the European Union budget of £257,648 billion

gross or £77,851 billion net" and it has not stopped at that.

As it has been said before: If Britain benefits from its membership to this staggeringly expensive union let those who advocate it, prove it – by conducting an independent cost-benefit analysis. This question has been raised in the House of Commons, the [British] Parliament in London. Nothing happened of course.

Whilst we are about it, let's never forget these lying words that are still being constantly uttered: "There will be no loss of sovereignty" and "there will be no further loss of sovereignty".

**June Moore, Rusthall**

### Join charity road race

World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) is offering runners the chance to sign up for one of the most prestigious road races of the year – the British 10k in London.

We have a limited number of places for runners for the July 10 event, which takes in sights including Tower Bridge and Westminster Abbey.

Last year more than 25,000 runners took part, cheered on by tens of thousands of onlookers in a superb atmosphere.

WCRF is calling on runners who can raise money to sign up for the race by emailing [events@wcrf.org](mailto:events@wcrf.org), visiting [www.wcrf-uk.org/signup](http://www.wcrf-uk.org/signup) or calling 020 7343 4200.

**Sian Fraser, events fundraiser, WCRF**

### Why not climb a few peaks?

As an Olympian and patron of Meningitis UK, I would like to challenge your readers to help save lives.

The charity has two exciting events coming up involving the highest mountains in both Africa and Great Britain.

Both seasoned walkers and brave novices can sign up for either the Three Peaks Challenge in August or a more awe-inspiring climb up Mount Kilimanjaro in January 2012.

The Three Peaks Challenge, between August 5 and 7, involves conquering the three highest peaks in the home nations – Ben Nevis in Scotland and Scafell Pike in England before finishing at the top of Mount Snowdon in Wales, all within 24 hours.

The trip of a lifetime to Mount Kilimanjaro takes place from January 12 to 22 and covers a variety of terrain, from jungle to volcanic craters, en route to the picturesque snow-capped Uhuru peak – the highest point in Africa at 5,895m high.

Called The Big Climb and The Big Trek, they promise to push participants to the limit while helping to raise funds towards eradicating meningitis.

Thousands die from the disease each year and taking part in a challenge is one of the ways in which people can help towards finding a vaccine.

I fell ill with meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia when I was 15, which left me in a coma for three days. I was lucky to pull through and be able to go on to achieve my sailing dreams.

With your help, Meningitis UK will be able to beat this disease. To find out more about these exciting challenges, visit [www.meningitisuk.org](http://www.meningitisuk.org), email [toya.champ@meningitisuk.org](mailto:toya.champ@meningitisuk.org) or call 0117 302 6191.

**Sarah Ayton, Olympic gold medalist and Meningitis UK patron**

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# My Money 24

Online this week at  
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## Three ways of looking at a taxing problem

**Q** IN 1984, my wife and I gave my parents-in-law the money to buy their council house. An agreement was written out that in the event of their deaths, the property would come to us, but we did not receive any rent. My mother-in-law passed away in 2000, and my father-in-law in 2003, so the property was then owned by my wife and myself. We rented it out, but are now considering selling. The tax office has said we will have to pay capital gains tax from the time the property was purchased, but a solicitor has told us tax is due only on any gain since the property came under our names, after my father-in-law died.

**A** THERE are at least three ways of looking at this. The taxman is clearly taking the view that your parents-in-law were never the real owners of the property – they were just fronting for you and your wife. If so, he believes, tax is due on the rise in the value of the house since it was bought. On the other hand, the solicitor has presumably seen the 1984 agreement and decided that if it really did say that the property would pass to you only at some point in the future, then from 1984 to 2003 it did belong to your parents-in-law. In this case any rise in value is covered by their exemption from gains tax as owner-occupiers. I have not seen the agreement, but I tend to agree with your solicitor. After all, what would have happened if you and your wife had died first? And could your parents-in-law have sold the house without your consent or would the wording of the agreement have allowed you to stop them? The answers to these two questions are important. They would show whether or not you had real, legal rights over the property – and if you did, then the taxman would have a stronger case. Now for the third option, which involves going back to the law as it was in 1984. Then, if someone provided a rent-free home for a dependent relative, the property escaped gains tax. The relative did not have to be financially dependent, just infirm, over 65 or even over 55 and unable to work. This exemption was scrapped in 1988, except for anyone already entitled to it. The chances are that the taxman does not even know about a law that was abolished 23 years ago. So go back to your solicitor and get him to claim this exemption on your behalf.

**Q** I HAVE some gold, including a 100g ingot (about three-and-a-half ounces), but I have been given different quotes by dealers if I sell to them. What I really want is to know how much the person who would then buy the gold from the dealer would pay. Any ideas?

**A** AS I write gold is trading on the international bullion markets at about \$1,545 per ounce, but

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dealers can offer you whatever they wish, and they can sell your gold on at whatever price the buyer is willing to pay. There is no official price that everyone must use. The only way you can sidestep the dealers is to advertise the gold yourself and find your own buyer, or perhaps auction it on eBay. However, the gold market is pretty competitive. I suspect you will still find that professional dealers offer more than ordinary buyers, as long as you avoid the sharks who sometimes advertise for 'unwanted' gold and pay far less than the real value.

**Q** ON MARCH 5, I was unfortunate enough to skid on some diesel and the car turned upside down. The insurance company offered £7,100 and I accepted, but now my letters and emails are ignored. Telephone calls are always met with 'the cheque is in the post', but of course it isn't. How can I be sure I am still insured, and how do I stand if I reinsure with another firm?

**A** YOU gave me the name of the company, but as there are several with very similar names I am not going to print it for fear of criticising the wrong one. So call the Financial Services Authority (0845 606 1234) and check that the insurer is still licensed. If so, and you still have an insurance certificate, you are still covered and have no need to pay for protection all over again with a different firm. Enlist the help of the Financial Ombudsman (0800 023 4567) to get your £7,100. Supply a copy of the offer from the company and explain that you accepted, but heard nothing more. The ombudsman will then order the company to pay, and you may even get a bit extra for the delay and inconvenience.

**Q** I SHALL reach 65 shortly. In the 1960s I worked for a company that later ceased trading. I paid into its pension scheme for about three years. Is there any way of claiming on this?

**A** The Government's Pension Tracing Service (0845 6002 537) has files on lots of old businesses and can help you track down any pension still owed to you.

■ **If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.**

## It's time to perk up your pension

By Adam Aiken

MyMoney 24 editor

THE cost of a cup of coffee a day is all that stands between many workers' savings habits and a comfortable retirement.

The financial difficulties facing the retirees of the future have been laid bare in a report finding that half of people aged more than 30 are making insufficient provision for their futures.

The annual UK Pensions Report, produced by Scottish Widows, also found that a fifth of people are failing to make any financial plans for their retirement at all.

But an average extra contribution of just £58 a month could make all the difference for people who are currently on course to fall short with their pension saving.

The report, based partly on the Scottish Widows Pensions Index, found that only 51pc of people were making sufficient retirement provisions.

When those with final-salary schemes – of which almost all are now closed to new members – are excluded from the figures, the number of people making adequate financial plans falls to about 25pc.

These findings came despite the fact that nearly three in four people say they are aware of the need to take personal responsibility for their own futures.

The report is also partly based on the Scottish Widows Average Savings Ratio which tracks the percentage of income being saved for retirement by workers not expecting to get their main retirement income from final salary pensions.

The company reckons people should be saving about 12pc of their salaries, but the average person is putting aside only 9pc.

"This year's report clearly illustrates the stark difficulty we face in helping people to recognise the urgent need to take personal responsibility for their futures," said Ian Naismith, head of pensions market development for Scottish Widows.



**DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATTÉ:** The price of a cup of coffee a day is all that stands between many people and a better financial future when the time comes to retire

"We need a step-change to overcome this ingrained inertia and help people prepare for their retirement."

According to the report, people hope to be receiving an average income of £24,300 by the time they turn 70.

But even though the survey's respondents claim to be able to save an additional £97 a month, they are failing to do so, meaning many people will fall short of their desired annual income during retirement.

"Put simply, people need to save

an extra £58 a month on average to prepare adequately for retirement and make up the shortfall we are seeing currently.

"That is roughly the cost of a cup of coffee every day," said Mr Naismith.

"Even though, for many, this is realistic – and is in under the average £97.10 a month people say they can afford – we appreciate the difficulty in setting aside extra money.

"It's about breaking through that inertia. For some, the amount that needs to be saved will be higher but it's about taking small steps, getting on to the savings ladder and, more importantly, staying on it."

## Two thirds of income is eaten up by debt

ONE OF the country's leading debt charities has lifted the lid on the struggles of its clients, revealing that nearly two thirds of a typical client's income is taken for debt repayments.

Based on a 37.5-hour week, working from 9am to 5pm, the Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS) said the average person who approaches it for help needs to work until 4pm on Wednesday in order to

earn enough to repay their unsecured debts.

It is only then that they can start earning money for basic living costs, including their mortgage.

The CCCS said the average person who contacted the charity last year owed nearly £22,500 on credit cards, personal loans, overdrafts and other types of unsecured debt, with typical monthly repayment bills of £675.

That represents 58pc of the average client's take-home earnings of £1,173 a month.

Delroy Corinaldi, external affairs director at the CCCS said: "Our advice to anyone struggling to cope with their repayments is to seek free advice as early as possible."

The organisation was contacted by 418,000 people in 2010.





## EDITOR'S VIEW...

LUXURY ice-cream producer Sally Newall is looking to take her Simply brand to the next stage by selling her desserts nationwide. The company has come a long way since its 2006 inception, when batches were made in Mrs Newall's kitchen, an impressive story in its own right. What makes it all the more impressive is Mrs Newall's self-sustainable business ethos, which, while it hindered growth, effectively eliminated risk.

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## Slowdown in jobs market could impact on economy

By Simon Robinson

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THE UK labour market is at risk of coming to a standstill, a new report has suggested.

The Recruitment And Employment Confederation (REC) and KPMG Report On Jobs found permanent and temporary staff appointments both rose at the weakest rate in seven months.

It is feared that the May data – provided by recruitment consultancies – is indicative of a stalling market, with employers unable or unwilling to invest in growth.

REC chief executive Kevin Green said: "The latest data show a worrying deceleration in the UK jobs market. Although the number of placements has continued to increase, the rate of expansion has hit a seven-month low.

"Private-sector job creation has not hit the buffers, but it is clearly slowing, which heightens concerns over whether public-sector job losses can be absorbed.

"There have been signs of increasing employer confidence in some sectors, but economic growth remains too fragile to spark the real step-change that our jobs market needs.

"With consumer confidence at a low ebb, many individuals who would normally be looking to change jobs are staying put.

"The feedback from recruitment professionals confirms a real paradox in the current jobs market, namely the ongoing challenge of finding suitable candidates in a number of sectors.



**SIGN OF THE TIME:** A new report shows signs that the UK job market is in danger of coming to a standstill

"With the Government's much-discussed Work Programme formally getting under way this month, the question now is whether it will be able to deliver the training and guidance necessary to address the current disconnect between employer needs and available candidates.

"Looking ahead, the mismatch between vacancies and skills available could hinder future growth."

KPMG partner and head of business services Bernard Brown said: "The latest figures are worrying – because they reveal a marked slow-down of the UK jobs market. We'll need to see whether this is a trend or a blip.

"Employers across all sectors are becoming more cautious about hiring new staff.

"With businesses and consumers now being hit by higher taxes and fuel costs, public-spending cuts and a continuing squeeze on real incomes, this is perhaps no surprise.

"The hope now is that growth in the UK will pick up later this year, led by a private-sector recovery absorbing job losses in the public sector."

Peter Newey, managing director of the Farrer Barnes recruitment consultancy in Canterbury, said the Kent picture was rosier than the national outlook.

"Although I accept these conclusions as a reflection of the overall market, countrywide we speak to a lot of influential decision-makers throughout the region and the message we are hearing time and again is generally a little more optimistic," he said.

"As a business we appear to be close to the start of the economic cycle and my instinct is that things are improving – albeit at a slow and steady rate. Having said that, I do believe that the economy is at a crucial stage – a point backed up by the current split within the monetary policy committee – but given the last couple of years I believe that the recruitment industry will look back on 2011 with a degree of contentment."

## ENERGY

### Eco-activities will be backed by KCC

KENT County Council bosses have pledged to provide public-sector support to low-carbon and green energy projects across the county.

The backing was made at an eco-energy event at East Malling Conference Centre.

Opening the one-day conference, KCC leader Paul Carter said: "This is one of a number of conversations we are having to consider what the public sector can do to help and support your industries to thrive."

More than 80 delegates attended the event, during which offshore wind farms, biofuels and other green projects were discussed.

KCC economic development boss Kevin Lynes said: "This event has demonstrated how many leading-edge businesses in this sector we have in Kent. This is a brand new industry with superb growth opportunities and we are right on the ground/floor of it. We need to help build on the recent successes and make Kent the place of choice for the renewable-energy industry."



EYES ON THE PRIZE: Aron Baker

## APPRENTICESHIPS

### Winning title would add gloss for Aron

INTERIOR designer Aron Baker is hoping for a nice finish after reaching the finals of Dulux's apprentice-of-the-year competition.

The 19-year-old, who trains at North West Kent College in Gravesend, has come through nine heats to reach the finals, held in Wales next week.

Apprentices will be given tasks across two days, testing their wallpapering, stencilling and special-effects skills.

His tutor, Phil Jubb, said: "I am really proud of what Aron has achieved. I hope it inspires other young people, helps to raise the profile of our trade and demonstrates that you need good training to reach these heights."

Dulux's Peter Doyle said: "Both the recognition that comes with winning this competition, which can really help to start a career for any up-and-coming painter and decorator, and the £1,000 prize on offer are great reasons to enter."

## HEALTH

### Stressed workers eye benefits perks

MORE than half of all South East employees are more stressed than they were a year ago, a new study suggests.

The research, by Sovereign Health Care, found that 53 per cent of respondents were feeling extra pressure, while a third said they had become ill from work-related stress.

The recession was blamed for the increase – having led to greater workloads and increased pressure.

Sovereign's chief executive Russ Piper said: "It appears that while pay has remained frozen, employee workloads have increased. This unrewarded extra work can lead to low morale and employee discontent.

"It would be prudent for businesses to recognise this and consider cost-effective ways to counter this and add value to their own workplace. One way of achieving this is through health-related employee benefits."

Almost half of those questioned said they would change employer in return for a better benefits package – even if their salary remained the same.

## COMMENT

SOTA Solutions wants businesses to think about how reliant they are on their IT system and, more importantly, what they would do if their service was disrupted by a disaster such as a fire or a flood.

The Kent Science Park company is confident that in the vast majority of cases, particularly in the SME market, the answer would be 'practically grind to a halt'.

Sota has built a Disaster Recovery facility at its Sittingbourne base to accommodate any firm that wants to keep working while its offices are rebuilt, dried out or otherwise.

Of course, it can take something as innocuous as a misplaced road-digging crew to bring a business to its knees by scooping through its electricity cables.

Which begs the question, how have we allowed ourselves to operate without a back-up business-continuity plan? For a small annual fee, companies get peace of mind in knowing that they have a state-of-the-art office on standby at a central Kent location. Clients can take as few as just five work stations and up to the 100-station capacity.

This office insurance was once of sole interest to high-end businesses such as banks and insurers. But as more and more firms become reliant on their e-business, it seems a savvy move by Sota to open it up to SMEs.

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**How have we allowed ourselves to operate without a back-up business continuity plan?**



## Toby lands himself in a pickle with new project

AS far as clear career progressions go, the move from London design agency boss to one-man home-made pickle-producer is among the most obscure.

But Toby Hotchkiss's bold move, which has taken him from London to the Kent coast, seems to be paying off.

The 43-year-old's firm – Whitstable Pickle Company – has made its first sales, begun taking orders online and expanded its range.

Hotchkiss said the career change came about as a result of his penchant for giving his home-made pickles and chutneys as Christmas presents.

"I fell out of love with being a designer and decided it was time for a change, so I closed down my agency and starting thinking about alternatives," he said.

"I had never really thought about pickling as a business, but so many people were complimentary about what I made that I decided to give it a try."

Having settled on the Whitstable Pickle Company name, he designed his own label and started work on his first product, a fig-and-plum chutney.

It was not long before his first order was secured.

Hotchkiss said: "I was determined to use only fresh, high-quality products and to source them locally where possible. I buy the majority of my fruit and vegetables from Mark at Granny Smiths, in Whitstable.



**SPICING UP THINGS:** Jayne Cooke of Barclays has been on hand to support Toby Hotchkiss in his chutney business

"It was a great feeling when I made my first sale – 30 jars of the fig-and-plum chutney to the Cheese Box in Harbour Street."

The pickler keeps his costs down by making all his produce at home in Victoria Street, but with the initial costs of stocks of vinegar, produce, jars and labels he needed the support of a bank to get the business established.

He spoke to Barclays, which provided a business account and to his surprise also agreed a business loan.

"Jayne Cooke at Barclays in Canterbury was very helpful indeed," he said. "She guided me through the proc-

ess and, considering all the publicity around banks not lending, I was surprised to find they were willing to show confidence in me and my business."

The Barclays Business manager added: "Toby had an excellent business plan and although he has no direct experience in the industry he has a niche product and a ready market and has personally backed the business by investing his own money."

"It has been a pleasure working with him and I am certainly a fan of his pickles. We are very much open for business and looking to support entrepreneurs." See [www.whitstablepickles.co.uk](http://www.whitstablepickles.co.uk).

## Invention is on the nose for safety

A RACEHORSE-trainer's simple safety-clip invention has proved so successful at an unveiling event that two rival international firms immediately began jockeying to handle it.

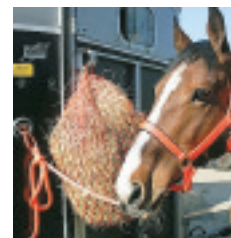
Martin Smith launched his Equi-ping product at the BETA International Show in Birmingham, the world's leading equine-trader exhibition, where it won an innovation award.

The device, which prevents horses from hurting themselves when they are tied up, was hailed



by judges as "a small device that could have a big impact on safety and security when tying up horses and ponies".

Distributors in the United States and Australia quickly



came forward to register an interest in selling it.

Smith, who works at the John Best racing stables in Hucking, near Maidstone, said: "I thought it was a

solid idea but have been staggered by the response.

"We were working round the clock to satisfy the initial demand and, now we have distributors for America, the potential is enormous.

"When we first showed it at the fair in Birmingham we were surprised by the interest from abroad and we ended up in the wonderful position of rival distributors bidding to handle it for us."

Equi-ping is now being sold across Europe, the United States, Australia and the Middle East.

## Exercise your brain in the art of selling

A MIND-gym has been set up at Kent Science Park to help overcome the blocks often associated with selling.

The training is being offered by sales trainer Paul Routley and business-performance specialist Graham Williams.

Routley says the two sessions on offer are unique and will lead to results. "The workshops at Kent Science Park are very different from the boring sales training seminars people are used to,"

he said. "By combining performance training with sales training we're helping people to change their mindset and their feelings about selling, rather than focusing on trying to make them better at doing something they don't particularly enjoy.

"It's really remarkable how quickly, and how profoundly, this shift in attitude can be achieved and the difference in results that follows.

Williams said: "Mind fitness is all

about training yourself to consistently operate at 100 per cent. It allows individuals to be as good as they possibly can be and, as a result, to achieve substantially improved results.

The events will be on Wednesdays, July 6 and September 7, from 8.30am to 10.30am. To book a place, email [jen.francis@ksp-uk.com](mailto:jen.francis@ksp-uk.com).



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# Ice cream making a cool profit

**S**IMPLY Ice Cream is, on the one hand, the very epitome of the cottage industry. For a start, it is literally a 'cottage' item – produced in one half of a large family home in the heart of rural Kent – and competes with the cold-hearted, dull steel machinery, industrial warehouse industry leaders by utilising its luxury, homemade, local-produce angle.

But on the other hand, labelling the Bonnington firm in such a way does owner Sally Newall and her small team a disservice; for this is no small-scale, side-project operation.

The company has doubled turnover every year since 2006 and is now stocked in 240 outlets across the region and a further 40 Waitrose branches.

Mrs Newall also has plans to take the brand to a national audience as well as team up with online retailer Ocado.

At her home-cum-ice-cream factory near Ashford, the mother-of-four explained how Simply came about and her attitude to growing it.

She said: "I trained as a chef and moved to Australia to work for five years. My mother set up a catering business in 1984 and when I came back her partner wanted to retire, so I took over.

"Our clients began to ask where they could buy our ice cream and so we slowly started to formulate a business model and a route to market."

The first batch of Simply Ice Cream went on sale at Potten farm shop, Sellindge, in October 2005. After this six-month trial period proved successful, the company moved into a further five farm shops the following year.

Simply picked up a Qual-

## The BIG Interview

Business editor **Simon Robinson** talks to intrepid entrepreneur and mum-of-four Sally Newall, who is aiming to take her Simply Ice Cream brand to a national audience after success which has seen the company double its turnover year on year since it started in her kitchen in 2005



ity Food Award in 2007 and gained huge exposure when TV chef James Martin featured its product on the morning cookery show Saturday Kitchen, declaring it to be 'the best-bought ice cream available'.

Mrs Newall said: "We were still making the ice cream in my kitchen, producing between the hours of 9pm and 1am after we'd put the kids to bed.

"But at that point, interest in us began to stretch further, across the South East, up to London and beyond, and so we thought 'Let's go for it'.

"In 2009 we went into another 70 outlets in the region as well as Waitrose – 15 outlets to begin with and an additional 25 by Christmas that year."

The producer's dual role as entrepreneur and mother seems to have moulded her business temperament.

While she is clearly proud of her range of products and keen to take it to the next stage, maintaining the right family balance is of equal concern.

"The fact I've got four children is one of the most important things to me – I've got to make sure they are happy first and foremost, so

working from home enables me to be here for them, but I also need to be aware that I don't jeopardise our home and future in any way. For that reason we've ensured the business is self-sustainable.

"We started up quite slowly with the mantra 'If we can't afford to do it we don't do it', which has probably inhibited how fast we've grown, but I'd rather have consolidated and fulfilled orders before moving on to the next level.

"To date it's worked. We have not had any moments where we've thought 'We can't do this'. And because we've got a strong business without any loans we have not got any real risks."

Growth has been consistent. The business, with its kitchen moonlighting beginnings, has been transferred into a converted ice-cream factory in the family home.

This investment was made after Mrs Newall's painstaking trial and feedback procedure had given her confidence that she could compete with the big boys.

"When we began to concentrate on the business in 2008 there were 1,200 ice-cream manufacturers in England alone, not counting those in Scotland and Wales.

"The market is fiercely competitive, so when we decided to launch our ice cream proper we knew we had to keep it luxurious, as it had been at our catering parties. If we had diluted our ingredients we would have been just like everyone else and gone against our original ethos of making hand-made ice cream from natural ingredients.

"I think it was really important for us to keep with that idea. It would be very easy for us now to start making ice cream with emulsifiers, glucose, fructose or guar gum to make it more scoopable and easier to manage, but if we did that we would just be like everyone else. We've stuck with what we started with."

This cautious approach to the market has seemingly paid off for Simply, with brand awareness on the up and perceived brand value remaining high.

Mrs Newall said: "We have built up a high level of consumer loyalty. A lot of our customers say once they had tried our ice cream nothing else matches it, which is lovely to hear.

"When you start a business, and especially if you're making something, it's all well and good for friends and family to say it's a great product, but it's crucial to get feedback from people you don't know.

"The trial period was so important because had we gone into a farm shop and it hadn't worked we would not have pursued it – even if we felt the product was good.

"If the consumers hadn't bought it, there would have been no point in carrying on with it. It was only because the consumers' feedback was good that we were spurred on."

Having tasted huge success with her ice-cream business, and apparently on the verge



**TASTE DIVINE:** Only natural ingredients go into Simply Ice Cream's range; emulsifiers are not used to make it easier for a diner to scoop

of even more, Mrs Newall's only tinge of regret is that the company was not the family-bonder she had hoped it would be.

"The catering business was taking up all of our weekends, what with weddings and functions of that nature," she said.

"As our children got a bit older they were saying 'We never see you on weekends' and so

I thought if I sell ice cream during the week we can stop the catering business and get our weekends back.

"Of course, this was incredibly naïve, as we're still doing the catering side and now we're attending weekend food-trade shows across the region as well.

"I'm probably working harder now than I've ever worked."



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**TUBS OF SUCCESS:** Simply Ice Cream is thriving in a competitive market which had 1,200 manufacturers in England alone in 2008

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## EMPLOYMENT

## Estate agents launch job site

NATIONAL estate-agency brand Your Move has launched a dedicated careers website to support the firm's latest recruitment drive.

The site – which currently has 75 positions available – also provides testimonials from staff and outlines potential job roles on offer, with the aim being to give visitors a more comprehensive understanding of what it might be like to work for the company.

Area sales manager Jackie Davies said she was delighted Your Move was bucking the trend of cutbacks by expanding the business.

"It's great that, despite the challenges of the current market, we are now actively recruiting more staff," she said.

"A sign, we believe, of its ongoing success and our sheer determination to remain one of the best in the business."

"With Your Move staff retention also being high, we would say it's a career path certainly worth considering."

For more information, visit [www.propertyjobs.your-move.co.uk](http://www.propertyjobs.your-move.co.uk).

## GROWTH

## Awards reward pioneering firms

**UP-and-coming firms are invited to enter the Fast Growth Business Awards.**

The competition, which rewards the most pioneering businesses that demonstrate significant growth and entrepreneurial flair, is open to any UK business that has been trading for at least two years and has fewer than 500 employees.

Winners will be picked out by high-calibre entrepreneurs, including Richard Reed, behind Innocent drinks, and James Averdieck, of Gü Puds. Growing Business's Ian Wallis said previous award-winners had gone on to enjoy huge success.

"The Fast Growth Business Awards never disappoint in terms of the ingenuity, ambition and hard graft of the companies that enter," he said. "The awards have a fantastic track record of picking out brands on the cusp of great things."

See [www.growingbusiness.co.uk/fast-growth-business-awards](http://www.growingbusiness.co.uk/fast-growth-business-awards).

## EXPORTS

## Rise reflects resurgence

TRADEMARK attorney Brookes Batchellor has registered a record increase in the amount of successful applications it has filed to protect the brands of South East companies.

The Tunbridge Wells business saw the number of Community Trademarks – which protect the brand across the European Union – filed in 2010 increase by 134 per cent.

This meteoric rise placed the firm at the top of the Institute of Trademark Attorneys annual league table when placed against comparable companies.

Brookes Batchellor's Jane Martin said: "It's great to have ranked so highly on this list not just because it records the fact that 2010 was a particularly good year for us, but because it means our clients – many of them local companies from Kent, Sussex and Surrey – are planning to expand and exploit their intellectual property on a European scale."

The firm specialises in protecting brands across the world.

## Mixed opinions as inflation still rises

THE pressure on the Bank of England is seemingly linked with inflation – high and rising.

With inflation hitting 4.5 per cent last month – more than double the Government's 2 per cent target – there has been an increasing amount of calls from the City and wider business community to bring it into line by raising interest rates.

This strategy has gained extra backing as the months have gone by, during which time inflation has rocketed.

Members of the Bank's nine-man Monetary Policy Committee are also in favour of such a move but have so far been outvoted by their peers.

So should the Bank hold firm with its record low interest rates, assuming that inflation will head towards the 2 per cent target in due course? Or is action needed now? Business Week asked Kent firms for their views...

■ Priory Business Group director Bob Pitman said: "It only seems a short time ago that our substantial cash deposits were producing a healthy income in their own right."

"Sadly, they are now earning so little interest that any opportunity that presents itself to gain commercial advantage from them is taken. This is, of course, exactly what the country needs – cash put into the economy, not stashed away."

"Much of the prevailing inflationary pressures are beyond our direct control. Energy



prices will continue to rise irrespective of local duties. I believe the current tack needs to be maintained at least until the end of the year."

■ Bizezia managing director Martin Pollins said: "The base rate has been 0.5 per cent since March 2009."

"The gap between base rate [0.5 per cent] and actual interest charged [average more than 12 per cent] is now more than 11.5 per cent or 23 times base rate."

"If you go back to August 2007 – the recognised start of the credit crunch – base rate was 5.75 per cent, but actual rates being charged were 8.6 per cent – a gap of only 2.85 per cent or about half of base rate. Today lenders want a profit margin of 11.5 per cent, whereas before the credit crunch they managed comfortably on 2.85 per cent."

"How banks can use base rate as a weapon to pay so

little on deposits while taking advantage of borrowers is beyond comprehension."

■ Castle Corporate Finance director Mike Norrie said: "Inflation is fed by higher commodity prices – imports, not consumer demand. Increased interest rates should boost sterling and make imports cheaper – lower inflation."

"The cost of an interest rate rise is relative. Banks have been increasing their margins on loans. A commercial debt fixed at 5.5 per cent above base will actually give an 8 per cent increase where base rate is increased to 1 per cent."

"For many UK businesses, reductions in costs and inflation would make the increase in debt costs worthwhile."

"Businesses and consumers have spent three years reducing debt – the focus now is on building economic stability. So, reluctantly, a small increase."

## Invest in a more successful future

A SERIES of leadership and management training courses is being offered to business bosses across the county.

The interactive and practical sessions will focus on improving financial performance, staff management and innovation.

John Telfer, managing director of IBP, right, which is running the events, said: "These courses will be as flexible as possible in terms of content, enabling attendees to present real-life problems to the course leaders."

The workshops will all be held at the event centre at the County Showground, Detling. All of the courses can be accessed with the help of Government funding through the leadership and management skills training grant, which can provide up to £1,000 in match-funding.

Mr Telfer urged businesses to sign up. "Unfortunately, people tend to cut training budgets in this kind of economic climate, but it is important to invest in your staff to ensure future success," he said. "With funding available, it makes sense to find new, cost-effective ways of



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# Regain control over who reads your email

ONLINE expert myTsafe is urging companies to take email security seriously.

The Faversham firm wants businesses to guard their online actions as tightly as they would their bank account or passport details.

The message comes after a rise in cyber-crime, with crimes relating to email and web-based security now estimated to cost UK business more than £27 million per year.

And with more and more businesses choosing to send sensitive information via email, myTsafe set to work on finding a cost-effective way to make it secure.

The firm's myTsafe system, developed over a five-year period, provides users with secure online storage for their documents and a range of additional safety features.

Managing director Gulliver Immink said there was a real need for the product, which operates out of The Bunker, a military-grade nuclear bunker and secure data-site near Sandwich.

"Mobile phones, laptops and memory sticks carry huge amounts of information – email is everywhere," he said.

"But people lose things, information goes walkabout, email is not



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secure at all, and the consequences of information getting into the wrong hands can be dire.

"We more and more frequently read of Government departments, the police, MOD and many others losing vital information because disks, laptops or memory sticks are 'lost in the post' or just go missing.

"We don't hear very often about the ordinary person, though, or even smaller businesses who have exactly the same problems, but they are being increasingly affected on a daily basis and it is costing thousands in lost revenues and costs."

For further information, email Gulliver.immink@mysafe.com.

## Be friendly and make the most of the networks

WITH an estimated 865 million users on social media sites, it's more important than ever for businesses to work with these free tools to engage such a large potential audience.

Laura Jones, of MCM Net ([www.mcmnet.co.uk](http://www.mcmnet.co.uk)), has some simple tips that can help you grow your social presence, increase brand awareness and get your company talked about.

**1. It's a two-way conversation**

Avoid pitfalls such as sending out self-promoting messages and instead provide content to engage your audience. Ask questions, retweet on Twitter and comment on topics in your industry. Opt for communication with your target market rather than hard-selling if you want to keep 'followers' and 'likes' on the increase.

**2. Company pages**

Set up a company profile on Facebook and LinkedIn. There are sections to enter the services you offer, to upload images and to get others to recommend your work. It's free, easy and often appears on a Google search. Even if you just put up a team photo, it's worth the effort.

**3. Get interactive**

Major corporations such as Starbucks incorporate videos, blog posts and photos. Their success is not down to luck. Offer a visually exciting space, and users are more likely to feedback to you.

**4. Provide value**

If it's feasible, offer a prize or proposition for your audience. Examples include a free website appraisal for the 100th follower or a free goodie bag for the first 'like' on Facebook. Offering something different to your competitors will get you heard.

**5. Different strokes**

It's important to remember that each social network is different. For example, LinkedIn is mainly a network for business relationships, while Twitter is generally more informal. Try to tailor your posts to suit the arena you are placing it in – and you'll probably get a better response.

**6. Stay aware**

Of course, there are hundreds of social networks, and the ones mentioned only scratch the surface of the industry. It's worth looking into a few lesser-known networks such as Digg and Reddit, too, if you're keen to get mentioned more in online searches.

# Are you prepared for a technological disaster?

IN these hi-tech times it takes significantly less than a full-blown act of God to bring a business's productivity to a complete halt.

A once-seemingly trivial internet connection problem or computer system error is now as potentially damaging to a company's ability to work as a full-blown fire or flood.

Which is why Sota Solutions is urging SMEs across the county to consider their business-continuity contingency plans.

The firm has recently opened a 100-seat back-up office at its Kent Science Park base.

The disaster recovery (DR) facility – also known as workplace recovery – is available to businesses on

packages as small as just five seats and enables customers to continue their working operations should the need arise.

Sota Solutions managing director Paul Cowham said this service was not available to SMEs anywhere else across Kent.

"It's completely unique," he said.

"There is very limited commercial workplace recovery in the region full stop. So the fact we're opening that up to the lower end of the market – that's unique.

"SMEs have not been offered workplace recovery in the past at all, whereas the high end of the market is well established.

"Small businesses have been

focusing on getting their IT operational and have not necessarily thought about how reliant they have become on it and what they would do if for some reason they no longer had access to their computers and data.

"It's an educational process for us now to make businesses aware of the risks they are taking and what they can do to avoid those risks."

The DR facility is housed in the same building as Sota's third on-site data centre, fitted out last year at a cost of £1.5 million.

Businesses can store their back-up information in the hi-spec facility, an offer that Mr Cowham says goes hand-in-hand with DR services.

"It's a naturally-connected

concept," he said. "If a client is looking to locate its back-up infrastructure in data centre, they are going to be interested in the concept of workplace recovery as well – and vice versa.

"Being in the same location, there are obvious benefits, particularly with reference to connectivity.

"You could have an office anywhere in the countryside as your standby office, but if the connectivity is not right there's no point moving there."

Sota Solutions began trading as an accountancy software company, before customer demand for associated hardware saw it move into the engineering side of the IT industry.

The firm grew through the 1990s

before finally offering a complete IT service – from data storage through to a total IT solution.

Sota's first data centre, built at the behest of a broadband internet provider in exchange for building a new node at KSP, proved popular with technology-minded customers looking to protect their information.

Rack space in the second facility was expected to take five years to fill. It was full in just two years. The third centre, which opened three months ago, is already 10 per cent full and that figure is expected to rise to a quarter by the end of the year. The DR side is at 25 per cent of capacity.

Visit [www.sota.co.uk](http://www.sota.co.uk) for more information on the facilities.

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## Dental nurse honoured at awards bash

A DENTAL nurse from Ramsgate has been awarded a licentiateship to the City & Guilds of London Institute – one of the vocational learning organisation's highest accolades.

Hayley Stout received the honour alongside 14 other people from across the UK in recognition of their "exceptional professional achievements".

A licentiateship (LCGI) is broadly comparable to the level of an NVQ4 foundation degree in engineering technician or supervisory management, and is used to promote professional development in the key skills shortage area.

Hayley said: "It was such an honour to receive my award. As I had gone straight from school into the workplace I had long given up on a graduation and ceremony, so it was wonderful to have all my hard work recognised and celebrated."

"Since I have gained my LCGI my career path has really opened up in front of me, and I have progressed beyond anyone's expectations."

"It gave me a chance to jump more than a few rungs on my career ladder, and I couldn't be happier."

City & Guilds is the UK's largest vocational educational charity for work-related qualifications, with almost two million people currently studying in the UK and Ireland.

The awards ceremony – held at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in London – was also attended by 15 graduates from overseas including Bahrain, Bermuda, Dubai, Ghana and Nigeria.

City & Guilds chief executive Chris Jones said: "We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of all our learners. Reaching this stage in their careers requires lots of dedication and hard work, and for that we congratulate them."

"We regard our senior award holders as members of our wider family and hope they share in our vision to create a more proficient and sustainable economy through vocational learning. They are our ambassadors."



# New skills required for winds of change

By Steve Knight

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YOUNG engineers are being encouraged to consider a career in wind turbines to capitalise on the growing demand for renewable energy sources.

With the Kent coast already home to three major offshore wind farms in the form of London Array, Kentish Flats and Thanet Offshore, there has never been a better time to get involved in the industry.

Eager to find the engineers of the future, the Danish company Dong Energy recently launched eight wind turbine technical apprenticeships at the Swale Skills Centre in Sittingbourne.

Those put on the scheme will benefit from a new wing at the centre, which was officially opened at the end of last month by the minister for further education, skills and lifelong learning, John Hayes.

Also in attendance were Dong vice-president Peter Gedbjerg, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter, and Sittingbourne and Sheppey Tory MP Gordon Henderson.

Mr Henderson said: "I am delighted that once again my constituency is leading the way."

"Wind turbine energy is a growing industry. However, the skills needed to repair and maintain wind turbines are simply not available in the UK."

"The new wing at the Swale Skills Centre and the eight new apprenticeships will help address this shortfall."

Last month, Vestas Wind Systems announced it had identified an area at the Port of Sheerness as the ideal place for a production centre to build its new supersize turbines, with the potential to create about 2,000 jobs and provide a huge

boost to the local economy.

The new V164-7.0MW turbine is twice as powerful as those that sit off the coast of Thanet, and its blade span is the same as the London Eye.

Cllr Carter spoke of the benefits of wind technology when he attended a meeting to discuss how low-carbon and green energy projects can help to grow the Kent economy.

He said: "With the largest coastal strip of any country, offshore wind is Kent's main development opportunity for this sector."

"We have recently heard some very encouraging news from Vestas – the world's largest offshore turbine manufacturer – with their announcement of up to 2,000 potential jobs at a new manufacturing and assembly plant at Sheerness."

"Three offshore wind projects – Kentish Flats, Thanet Offshore and London Array – with operational bases in Kent would provide more than 125 jobs with the potential for another 650 jobs by 2020."

The Vestas deal is reliant on support from the Government in helping to generate business from wind farm companies.

This includes assurances of dedication to the wind industry and that planning applications for offshore projects and the enabling infrastructure will be made quickly to increase investor confidence.

The Government is said to be "very keen" to help.



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### Troubled youths given anti-arson messages through safety course

KENT Fire and Rescue Service has teamed up with the security firm G4S to tackle issues relating to arson and anti-social behaviour.

Five young people from the Medway Secure Training Centre in Borstal, near Rochester, took part in a five-week programme which included sessions on road accidents.

Ian Grieves from Kent Fire's youth diversion team said: "Our main aims were to increase educational awareness

and personal responsibility – themes which underpin all our work with young people – but speaking to a group such as this was a first and we're all very pleased at how it went."

To mark the completion of the scheme the youngsters were invited to Maidstone fire station to witness a car-cutting demonstration.

Jim Connolly, head of professional standards at the training centre, said: "The project has been a real success and the

young people have gained a tremendous amount from the experience, which I am sure they will take with them in the future.

"The success of the project owes a great deal to the exciting and challenging way the fire officers were able to engage with the group and get them to invest in some really important messages.

"This is definitely something we would like to replicate in the future with other groups."

### Flower show success for iPad student

A MEDIA production student from Maidstone contributed to a gold medal-winning display at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Sean Carr, who is currently studying for a BA (Hons) at the University of Lincoln, created an iPad application to compliment Interflora's creation at the event.

The brief was to build a fully-branded app that would be able to display images and videos as well as host a fully-operational mobile site.

It sat alongside a floral installation called A Sense of Perspective, which was designed by artist David Denyer and consisted of nine seven-foot doorways adorned with many thousands of flowers.

Sean said: "I'm really chuffed to bits. This was my first app so I was surprised and delighted it was used at such a high profile event."

His tutor Ros Garland – senior lecturer within Lincoln's School of Media and a specialist in digital media technology – added: "Working on this sort of project in the second year of an undergraduate degree gives the student confidence and some professional experience going into level three.

"Sean is already researching new ways of creating apps and suggesting solutions using the new iPad technologies."

Interflora is one of the largest and oldest flower delivery services in the world.

The Chelsea Flower Show project came about when David Clancy – a video producer for the firm – put out the call for a student to produce



**TALENTED:** Sean Carr designed an iPad app

an iPad app as the finishing touch for the company's installation.

He said: "Sean was great to work with, very mature in his approach and able to respond well to our requirements.

"I'm certain he enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from it, and I wouldn't hesitate in working with him again.

"The apps were used by thousands of people across the week and feedback was very good."

More than 150,000 people attend the Chelsea Flower Show every year.

### Cookery school provides food for thought with range of new courses

A NEW purpose-built cookery school opened at Ashford's Secret Garden restaurant this week.

The school will offer both novice and experienced cooks a choice of 21 courses that will run throughout the year.

Each course, which caters for up to 12 people, is run by a trained head chef and includes practical demonstrations, advice, recipe ideas and seasonal inspiration.

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three-course lunch with wine and the opportunity to taste treats cooked throughout the day.

Stephanie Wanstall owns the Secret Garden with husband Douglas.

She said: "Cooking has become an increasingly popular passion and hobby for many people, and the best way to learn and improve your skills is to watch how the professionals do it and have a go yourself.

"We have a range of courses

for all levels of cook, and it is a great way to meet like-minded people from the local area and further afield, all in a tranquil and beautiful setting.

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Alternatively, email [hrpartnership@doover.gov.uk](mailto:hrpartnership@doover.gov.uk) or call **01304 872799**  
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Closing date for completed applications is: **Wednesday 22 June 2011**

Interview dates: **Monday 4 July and Tuesday 5 July 2011**



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## Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College is passionate about student success. We are seeking to appoint outstanding individuals to teach at our new campus in Medway and our Maidstone Campus.

### Programme Area Leader - Beauty Therapy

Ref: P0001

Salary: £26,336 - £34,005 (Dependent on qualifications and experience) • Medway Campus

We are seeking an exceptional candidate to join our highly successful Services to People Faculty and provide support to the Head of Faculty on all staffing, student, curriculum and quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning and have good motivational and communication skills. Post holder will hold, be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. This is a great opportunity to join a Grade 1 team dedicated to student success and progression.

### Lecturer in Human Resources and Management

Ref: P0422

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 pro rata (Dependent on qualifications and experience)  
25.9 hours per week • Maidstone

MidKent College has a long history of successfully preparing candidates for the very demanding CIPD national examinations and the rigorous requirements of the CMI programmes. We are now looking for someone who is committed to excellence in teaching to join the team. The successful candidate will have extensive professional experience in HRM and be able to use that experience to enhance their credibility in the classroom. Ideally you will be a Chartered Member of the CIPD but candidates in the final stages of gaining chartered status will also be considered.

### Lecturer in Performing Arts - Dance

Ref: M0071

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 pro rata (Dependent on qualifications and experience)  
22.2 hours per week • Fixed Term Maternity Cover • Medway Campus

We are looking for a knowledgeable, skilled and inspirational Lecturer to teach Dance within our successful Performing Arts Department. Taking full advantage of the fantastic facilities at our new Medway Campus, the successful candidate will contribute to the development, delivery and teaching of programmes at Levels 2 & 3 and will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

### Lecturer in Production Arts

Ref: P0510

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 pro rata (Dependent on qualifications and experience)  
18.5 hours per week • Medway Campus

We are seeking an experienced and knowledgeable Lecturer to join our Production Arts department. The successful candidate will have an all-round knowledge of the technical elements of theatre and experience of teaching lighting and sound to students in Further or Higher Education. Teaching on our Level 3 Production Arts pathway, they will contribute fully to departmental productions and will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

### Lecturer in Communication Studies

Ref: P0273

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 (Dependent on qualifications and experience) • Medway Campus

We are seeking an inspirational and experienced Lecturer to teach Communication Studies and English with Sociology within the Higher and Academic Studies Faculty. The successful candidate will contribute to the development, delivery and teaching on A level and Access courses and will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification. Full time and part time roles available - please specify your preference on your application form.

### Lecturer in Animal Care

Ref: P0141

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 (Dependent on qualifications and experience) • Medway Campus

The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic and experienced individual to join our Animal Care Department. They will contribute to the delivery and success of courses from Entry to Level 3, using the excellent facilities available. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

### Lecturer in Biology

Ref: P0538

Salary: £21,061 - £34,005 (Dependent on qualifications and experience) • Medway Campus

We are looking to recruit a skilled Lecturer to contribute to the success of the Higher and Academic Studies Faculty delivering A level, GCSE and Access courses. The ideal candidate will be an inspirational teacher, have a relevant first degree within the subject area and hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

### Front Line Events Co-ordinator

Ref: P0450

Salary: £15,891 - 19,464 pro rata (Dependent on qualifications and experience)  
22.2 hours per week • Medway Campus

The MidKent College Frontline customer service programme is a unique, award-winning course giving students first-hand experience of customer service delivery at local and national events. We are seeking an exceptional individual who is able to work flexibly to organise, develop and deliver events and activities with our students. The successful candidate will have a strong track record in an events organisation or a related customer service field. They will understand the importance of personal presentation and be able to develop a strong customer service ethos among students. Excellent communication skills and an ability to work with a variety of people are essential. A teaching, training or customer service qualification is desirable.

**Closing date: 12 noon Friday 24 June 2011**

Candidates are encouraged to visit the College prior to interview/application. Please contact Human Resources on 01634 383511 to arrange.

MidKent College and RBLI Employment Solutions are working in partnership to support disabled applicants. For assistance please contact RBLI on 0800783114 or visit their website [www.rbli.co.uk](http://www.rbli.co.uk)

For an application pack and further details visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) or e mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.

The College is committed to safeguarding children and young people therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check.



## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

**Including family announcements in partnership with the Kent registration service**

To register Births, Marriages and Deaths contact the Kent registration service on 0845 824 7400

**For advertising announcement enquiries telephone Kent on Sunday 01303 817150**

### BIRTHS ANDREWS

Simon and Rachael are delighted to announce the birth of their son Charlie Neil Andrews, born on 25th May, 2011, weighing 9lb 2oz. A grandson to Mary and Neil Andrews and Lesley Gaved and Geoff Farnsworth.

### CAREY

Grace and Gary would like to announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy Lennon Thomas Carey. Born 22nd May, 2011.

### FARRER

Jonathan and Carly of Canterbury proudly announce the birth of their son, Joshua Jon Farrer. Joshua was born on 20th May, 2011, at William Harvey Hospital Ashford. A new brother for Sophie.

### HATTER

Jason and Tia celebrate the birth of their son Frazer William Jay who was born on 17th May, 2011, at Maidstone Hospital. Thank you to all our family and friends for their love and support.

### HILL

Samuel born on 11th May, 2011, at 19.21 hours, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Joanne and Ian.

### HODGE

Michelle and James of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Henry Edward Hodge, born on 15th May, 2011, weighing 8lb 10oz. A brother for Jean.

### KUMAR

Ann and Anil Kumar celebrate the birth of their twins Eliza Mai and Evander Neo born on the 12th May, 2011. Sister and brother to Hayden Joshua Kumar.

### LANGLANDS

Fletcher, born 27th May, 2011, weighing 10lb 5oz. Son to Phil and Michelle and brother to Thea and Iyla.

### McKENNA

Laura and Andrew McKenna celebrate the birth of their son Aidan Lawrence McKenna at home in Folkestone on the 21st May, 2011, weighing 9lb10oz.

### MEAD

Alfie born on 21st May, 2011, weighing 6lb 14oz. Son to Jack and Stacey.

### PARRIS

Joanna and David Parris celebrate the birth of their son Toby John Parris on 18th May, 2011.

### SEABROOK

Jonathan and Vivyan Seabrook celebrate the birth of their first born son Harry Jon on 22nd May, 2011, weighing 9lb 9oz.

### SMITH

Sam and Hayley would like to welcome our

beautiful baby girl into the world. Daisy Marie Smith born on 3rd June, 2011, weighing 7lb 8oz. A beautiful sister for Lily Rose. xxx

### SMITHSON

Donna and Ben Smithson celebrate the birth of their son Liam James Smithson, brother to Lauren born on 24th May 2011.

### SZELAG

Maja Victoria born on 14th May, 2011, weighing 8lb 8oz. Daughter to Holly and Marcin of Folkestone.

### TERRY

Briony and Stephen welcome their daughter Savannah Sarah Terry to the family, born on 21st May, 2011, brother to Maximus, weighing 8lb 6oz.

### YALAJU

Charles and Trudi are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Grace Eyimisan who was born on 10th May, 2011. Proud grandparents are Mary and the late Samuel, Jean and Jim.

### DEATHS BLYTHE

Victor Charles Frederick Blythe of Dover passed away peacefully on 28th May 2011. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium at 2.40pm on 14th June, 2011. Vic will be sadly missed by family and friends. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

### GODDARD

Kenneth Charles Edward Goddard on 25th May, 2011, aged 79 years. Dearly loved father of Wendy and Peter, grandfather of Leyla and Mica. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium on the 15th June at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

### POWELL

Derek Powell on the 4th June, 2011, aged 80 years. Dearly loved husband of Liz, father of Jan and Gary, father-in-law of Bob and Jo, grandfather of Matt, Liam and Tom. Late publican of The Windmill at Burham. Funeral at Vinters Park Crematorium 12.30 on Tuesday, 21st June, 2011. Family flowers only, all donations via Doves Funerals, will go to The Heart of Kent Hospice, Aylesford.

### TUPPER

Debbie Tupper on the 27th May, 2011, aged 36 years. Beloved daughter of Edna and the late Brian, sister to David. Funeral service at St Pauls Church, Maidstone, at 12 noon on the 14th June. No flowers, all enquiries and any donations please contact Paul Rowland Funeral Services 01622 662661.



Abbey Court School provides a stimulating, challenging and safe learning environment where pupils and staff efforts, work and achievement are celebrated.

We are currently looking for a

MUSIC THERAPIST  
to join and enhance our high calibre team

Medway Scale B1 - point 27 to 36 (£22,958 to £30,011)  
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Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Nursery and Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 3-19 with Severe Learning Difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Music Therapist, with a professional and flexible approach. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential.

Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. Candidates should hold a relevant Music Therapy qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 24th June 2011

Interview Date: 4th July 2011

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

Please note CV's will not be accepted.

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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010  
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/AS/0256/2011 - Proposed development at Land at Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0GB.

Robert Brett & Sons Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for proposed minor re-alignment to approved site access intended to serve the waste transfer station permitted under ref: AS/06/4.

You may view this application at our office in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours. The application documents can also be viewed at the following locations:-

- a) Ashford Borough Council, Central Reception in the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford
- b) The Gateway Centre, 14 Park Mall, Ashford
- c) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 12 June 2011



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PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

MA/11/0627/S - HEADCORN AERODROME, SHENLEY ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9HX - Variation of condition 7 of MA/77/1559 to hold an aerial display on 14th & 15th August 2010, to include Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, one Mustang, The Tiger Club, Turb Team, the Bi-wing Formation, in total 6 sorties each day. Reason: 7, 10

MA/11/0663/N - THE GRANARY, SMITHS FARM, HOLLINGBOURNE HILL, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QJ - Erection of a single storey front extension to create corridor. Reason: 1

MA/11/0701/N - 11, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - Change of use of first and second floors to form two self contained flats. Reason: 1, 2

MA/11/0702/N - 11, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - An application for listed building consent for works to facilitate the change of use of first and second floors to form two self contained flats. Reason: 3

MA/11/0728/S - THE SHANT HOTEL, EAST SUTTON ROAD, EAST SUTTON, KENT, ME17 3DT - An application for a new planning permission to replace extant outline planning permission MA/04/1127 (Outline application for the redevelopment of the site to provide public house, hotel, restaurant, parking and garaging with means of access and siting including the reserved matters of design, external appearance and landscaping approved under application MA/04/1127/01) to allow a further five years in which to implement the development. Reason: 6

MA/11/0746/N - BELL HOUSE, THE GREEN, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4ED - Alteration to existing garage doors, removal of central brick pier between 2no. garage doors to form one larger opening with the installation of single 'up and over' metal garage door. Reason: 1

MA/11/0747/N - BELL HOUSE, THE GREEN, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4ED - An application for listed building consent for the alteration to existing garage doors, removal of central brick pier between 2no. garage doors to form one larger opening with the installation of single 'up and over' metal garage door. Reason: 3

MA/11/0753/N - THE TRINITY FOYER, 20, CHURCH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LY - An application for listed building consent for the installation of new ramps for disabled access to replace existing ramps to front and rear doors including raising the ground level. Reason: 3

MA/11/0768/S - 3, PAYNES LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9QT - Erection of single storey rear extension as shown on drawing nos. BDS-135-01 & 02 received 12/05/11. Reason: 1

MA/11/0778/S - HILL PLACE, LINTON HILL, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AL - Erection of 2.4m high acoustic fencing and replacement gates. Reason: 1

MA/11/0789/N - THE TRINITY FOYER, 20, CHURCH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LY - Installation of new ramps for disabled access to replace existing ramps to front and rear doors including raising the ground level. Reason: 1, 2

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
- 10 - Application is of general Public Interest.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than 26th June 2011, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 12th June 2011

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/01499/FUL Waterden Goddards Green Road, Benenden  
- Removal of Condition (4) of planning permission TW/78/0416 - Agricultural occupancy (LB)

11/01351/HOUSE Crooke Cottage Crook Road, Brenchley  
- Rear ground and first floor extension (LB)

11/01352/LBC Crooke Cottage Crook Road, Brenchley  
- Listed Building Consent - Rear ground and first floor extension (LB)

11/01545/FUL Parkwood Farm Cryals Road, Brenchley  
- Erection of detached house and garage (DEVPLN)

11/01554/HOUSE Crockhurst Farm Oast Crockhurst Street, Capel  
- Demolition of the existing double garage; New open fronted double garage and log store (LB)

11/01548/HOUSE Barn Hillside Farm, Goudhurst  
- Extension of Time - Proposed conversion of outshots of barn to create a two bedroom apartment as an annexe to existing farmhouse, to include retrospective partial conversion to create an office (TW/08/01739/FUL refers) (LB)

11/01578/HOUSE Mayfield House Maypole Lane, Goudhurst  
- Open bay garage with garden store (CA)

11/01435/LBC Colonnade Kebab & Pizza Cafe 8 Colonnade, Hawkhurst  
- Listed Building Consent - Install central heating, automatic fire detection system and insulate inside walls (LB)

11/01551/FUL St Cuthberts Lodge Stream Lane, Hawkhurst  
- Replacement dwelling (LB) (CA)

11/01584/FUL St Ronans School Water Lane, Hawkhurst  
- Retrospective - Grounds maintenance staff building (LB)

11/01462/HOUSE 1 Haymans Hill Oast Haymans Hill, Horsmonden  
- Retrospective - Installation of 13 solar panels on garage roof (LB)

11/01513/OUTMJ OS Plot 6447 Adjacent Dormers 12 Bayham Road, Pantiles & St Marks

- Outline (all matters reserved) - Erection of 45 dwellings including associated access and parking, utilities and service, infrastructure, amenity space, open space and landscaping (DEVPLN) (MAJOR)

11/01539/HOUSE 36 Henwood Green Road Pembury, Pembury  
- Two-storey extension to west side and rear elevations and conversion and extension of outbuilding to form annexe (LB)

11/01583/HOUSE Pine Cottage Queen Street, Sandhurst  
- Two storey extension, conservatory and associated internal alterations (CA) (LB)

11/01558/FUL Holmewood House School Barrow Lane, Speldhurst  
- Retrospective - Spoil mound in the southwest corner of the school (maximum 20m x 50m (LB) (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridge.wells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridge.wells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN11 1RS

Dated: 11 June 2011



LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(MISCELLANEOUS  
PROVISIONS) ACT 1982  
LICENSING OF SEX  
ESTABLISHMENT

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council by Tracey Jane Whitmore, 4B Darcoets Road, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent ME5 8BH, for the renewal of a Licence for a Sex Shop at the premises known as Vitez UK Ltd, situated at Unit 3, 2M Trade Park, Beddow Way, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BT.

Any comments/objections to the application should be made in writing to The Chief Solicitor Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ, by no later than 10th July 2010.

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Borough of Tunbridge Wells

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH WS21

IN THE PARISH OF SOUTHBOROUGH

(Public Footpath WS21 in the Parish of Southborough)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath WS21, between Andrew Road and Barnett's Way from the 31st May 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 13th June 2011.

The path is to be closed because works are planned under the path and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along the footway from Barnett's Way to Andrew Road and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Jonathan Bibby  
Tel: (01732) 872829 ext 8

Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XX

Dated: 10th June 2011

The above notice may be provided in other formats

For further information,  
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Service, on 0845 345 0210  
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countrysideaccess



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the variation of  
Premises Licence

An application to vary the Premises Licence at Trinity Theatre, Church Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 1JP has been made by Trinity Theatre & Arts Association. A summary of the proposed licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening:

Extension of hours of licensable activities by one hour during the week.

Additionally an extension of 2 hours on Friday and Saturdays until 2am for the sale of alcohol and for entertainment (primarily for the provision of live and recorded music for post-show entertainment in the foyer).

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227004. Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing by 28th June 2011 to: Licensing Partnership, PO Box 182, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary of conviction for the offence is £5000.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(B2o8o THE STREET, APPLEDORE, ASHFORD)  
(SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will be to:

Revoke the existing 30mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of road:

B2o8o The Street – From its junction with Court Lodge Road and Station Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 498 metres.

And introduce a 30mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:-

B2o8o The Street – From its junction with Court Lodge Road and Station Road (Rhee Wall) in a northerly direction for a distance of 709 metres.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A28 ASHFORD ROAD, BETHERSDEN)  
(SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will be to remove a section of the existing 40mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of road:

A28, Ashford Road Bethersden

And introduce a 30mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:-

A28, Ashford Road from 11.5 metres south east of its entrance to Bean place, in a westerly direction, for a distance of approximately 1361 metres to a point 14.5 metres south west of the entrance to Beult Cottage.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.ashford.swale@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 5th July 2011

A2o42 BAD MUNSTEREIFEL ROAD, ASHFORD (4o MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst water mains replacement works are carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 4o mph on the eastbound carriageway of the A2o42 Bad Munsteriefel Road, Ashford.

The section affected is from the junction with Romney Marsh Road to where it becomes designated as the A2o7o Trunk Road.

This Order comes into force on or after 19 June 2011 for up to 16 weeks or until the works have been completed.

BRIDGE STREET, WYE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of urgent carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bridge Street, Wye, on or after 19 June 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the level crossing and the bridge over the river.

There will be no access for through traffic from Harville Road / Bramble Lane into the village of Wye.

The alternative route is via Bridge Street, Churchfield Way, High Street, Upper Bridge Street, Oxenturn Road, Naccolt Road, Hinxhill Road, The Street (Willesborough), A2o7o Kennington Road & Willesborough Road, A28 Canterbury Road and Harville Road.

FLOOD STREET, MERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Flood Street, Mersham, on or after Saturday 2 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

Flood Street (shown as Church Road on some maps) will be closed from Mersham Primary School to the junction with Blind Lane.

The alternative route is via Flood Street, South Stour Road, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Highfield Lane, Kingsford Street, The Street, Bower Road and Church Road.

POUND LANE, KINGSNORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pound Lane, Kingsnorth, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in sections along its entire length.

The alternative route is via Ashford Road, Britannia Lane and Millbank Road.

WIND HILL LANE, CHARING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Wind Hill Lane, Charing, on or after 13 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Lodge Road and Egerton Road.

The alternative route is via Lodge Road and Egerton Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHILHAM)

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS) ORDER 2o11

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to make an Order, the effects of which would be to:-

Extend the existing Width Restriction (6' 6") and Prohibition of Buses restrictions on the following lengths of road in the Parish of Chilham :-

Taylor's Hill – from its junction with The Square, in a westerly direction for a distance of 178 metres.

Bagham Road – from its junction with Felborough Close in a south westerly direction for a distance of 126 metres.

Branch Road – for its entire length.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours in the offices of the Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

If you wish to support or object to the new proposal you should write to the Traffic Schemes and MHF Manager at Kent Highway Services, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.ashford.swale@kent.gov.uk stating your reasons, by not later than 12 noon on 4 July 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

CRABBLE AVENUE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crabble Avenue, Dover, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hillside Road and Crabble Road.

The alternative routes are

River-bound via Crabble Road, Crabble Hill, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue, London Road, Coombe Valley Road\*, Barwick Road, St. Radigund's Road and Bunkers Hill Road

Dover-bound via Bunkers Hill Road, St Radigund's Road, Barwick Road, Coombe Valley Road\*, London Road, Crabble Hill, Crabble Road

\* Note that there is a height restriction of 13' 9" at the railway bridge in Coombe Valley Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(ALKHAM VALLEY ROAD, DRELLINGORE, DOVER)  
(5o MPH SPEED LIMIT)  
ORDER 2o11

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 84 (1) (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to extend the existing 50mph speed limit. The length of road described below encompasses the existing length of 50mph speed limit and the proposed new length of 50mph speed limit.

| Name of Road       | Length of Road  |
|--------------------|---|
| Alkham Valley Road | From the junction with Lockering Lane to a point 125 metres north east of the junction with Hockley Sole Lane |

The Order was Sealed on 8th June 2011 and will come into force on 20 June 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a Statement of the Councils reasons for making the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT NO 5) ORDER 2o11

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1(i), 2(i) to (3) 3(2), 4(i) and (2), 32(i), 35(i), 45, 46, 49, 53 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will be to reduce the existing limited waiting parking bays in Stanhope Road and High Street and to introduce two disabled persons parking bays in Stanhope road and High Street. The Order will also introduce a short section of loading restriction between 75 High Street and a point opposite the southern boundary of King Street.

A copy of the proposed Order and the relevant plans and other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent and Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

CHRISTIAN FIELDS AVENUE, GRAVESEND - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2o11  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Christian Fields Avenue, Gravesend for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 27th June 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 18 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate demolition works and construction of new buildings.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOXLEY)  
(5oMPH AND 4oMPH SPEED LIMITS AND RESTRICTED ROADS)  
(AMENDMENT NO.1)  
ORDER 2o11

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 5o mph speed limit on the A229 Chatham Road, Boxley (northbound lane only) on the following length of road:

|  |   |
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| A229 Chatham Road (northbound lane only) | From a point 8om north of Springfield Roundabout to a point 45om north of the centre line of the splitter island at the access to Cobtree Golf Course |
|--|---|

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Monday to Friday at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX or at Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone Kent, ME15 8JQ

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to:

The Transportation and Development Manager, West Kent Area, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD by 12 noon on 5th July 2011

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, FANT, MAIDSTONE)  
(WIDTH LIMIT) ORDER 2o11

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1(i)and 2(1), 2(i) to (3), 3(2) and (4) of and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will prohibit any vehicle, the width of which, inclusive of any load on the vehicle, exceeds 6 feet 6 inches, except for access, to proceed on the following length of road, subject to exemptions for emergency services, maintenance etc. and statutory undertakers carrying out work on the affected length of the road. Any vehicle authorised by the Highway Authority will also be exempt from the Order.

Lengths of Roads

|             |  |               |               |
|-------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Bower Lane  | From the junction with A26 Tonbridge Road to the junction with Upper Fant Road | Hever Gardens | Entire Length |
| Bower Place | Entire Length  | Orchard Place | Entire Length |
| Evelyn Road | Entire Length  | Newton Close  | Entire Length |

The Order was Sealed on 3rd June 2011 and will come into force on 14th June 2011

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a Statement of the Councils reasons for making the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone. Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House. Maidstone during normal opening times.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



HIGHWAYS

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made the reunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

COCKERHURST ROAD, SHOREHAM - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Cockerhurst Road, Shoreham between Redmans Lane and Kestle Farm Road.

The Order will become effective on 13th June 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 2 days.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Redmans Lane and Kestle Farm Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of BT cable.

TWITTON LANE, OTFORD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Twitton Lane, Otford between Pilgrims Way West and Filston Lane.

The Order will become effective on 13th June 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to last for 1 week.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pilgrims Way West and Filston Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate replacement of decayed power lines and poles.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

CHAPEL STREET, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chapel Street, Hythe, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via A259 Rampart Road, Prospect Road and Bank Street.

SHIP STREET, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ship Street, Folkestone, on or after 13 June 2011 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in 2 phases, initially between the junctions with Foord Road North and Boscombe Road, then from Boscombe Road to Bournemouth Road.

The alternative route is via Foord Road North, Radnor Park Road (plus Pavilion Road and Black Bull Road in reverse) and Bournemouth Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

BEXON LANE, BREDGAR (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install telegraph poles, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bexon Lane, Bredgar, on or after 30 June 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via The Street, Swanton Street, Bashford Barn Lane and Hawks Hill Lane.

NELSON AVENUE, MINSTER-ON-SEA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of excavations in the carriageway for a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nelson Avenue, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of no. 89.

The alternative route is via Elm Lane, Drake Avenue and Scodes Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, RODMERSHAM, SWALE)

(30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 84 (1) AND (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce a 30mph speed limit in Rodmersham on the following roads or length of roads

|                  |                  |                   |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Green Lane       | Highsted Road    | Cheney Hill       |
| Stockers Hill    | Cromers Road     | Bottles Lane      |
| Fruiterers Close | Highsted Valley  | Brownings Orchard |
| Stockers Brow    | Bottom Pond Road |                   |

The Order was Sealed on 8 June 2011 and will come into force on 13 June 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a Statement of the Councils reasons for making the Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BOROUGH OF SWALE)

(VARIOUS ROADS, SITTINGBOURNE)

(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)

(AMENDMENT NO. 1)

ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce waiting restrictions on the following roads or lengths of road:

Sonora Way – Both sides, from its junction with Staplehurst Road, for a distance of 150 metres extending into the junction arms of Cinnibar Drive and Quartz Way.

Jacynth Drive – Both sides, from a point level with the western end of the traffic island outside 46 Jacynth Drive, in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 150 metres and 145 metres on its southwest and northeast sides respectively including the junction arms into Quartz and Sonora Way.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for

your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 5 July 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

HAWLEY STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hawley Street, Margate, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Love Lane and Lombard Street.

The alternative route is via Hawley Street, Cecil Square, Queen Street, Marine Gardens, Marine Drive, The Parade, Fort Hill, B2051 Fort Crescent, B2055 Zion Place, Northdown Road, Trinity Square and Trinity Hill.

MAYS ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to construct new waste-water inspection chambers, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mays Road, Ramsgate, on or after 13 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Grange Road.

The alternative route is via Grange Road, Southwood Road and Lorne Road.

There will be a brief time when Lorne Road is closed at the junction with Mays Road, as advised locally and signed on site.

Managed access will be maintained but there are likely to be minor delays

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (EXEDOWN ROAD, WROTHAM)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Exedown Road from outside The Reservoir travelling south for 70m on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Kemsing Road, Bull Lane, A20 London Road, Terry's Lodge Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for flowmeter installation and cross connections between mains. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Anthony Kavanagh on 01634 276409.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HATHAM GREEN LANE, STANSTED)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hatham Green Lane on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 16 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Ash Lane, A20 London Road, Labour In Vain Road, Plaxdale Green Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for mains replacement works. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Chris Ayles on 01634 276311.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARLE PLACE ROAD, HORSMONDEN)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Marle Place Road from Highlands Farm to B2162 Lamberhurst Road on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Ruck Lane and B2162 Lamberhurst Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a supply upgrade. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

WEST KENT

BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS, MAIDSTONE AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, YALDING/BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM/BOYLE WAY, B2160 MAIDSTONE ROAD, YALDING, BELTRING ROAD, EAST PECKHAM, BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM)

(40 MPH & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)

(NO STOPPING OR WAITING RESTRICTIONS)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public the Kent County Council intends to make an Order with the following restrictions.

Traffic travelling at any speed in access of 40mph is prohibited on the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel from the junction with B2017 Badsell Road to the junction of Whetsted Road (northern end, the start of the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel).

Traffic travelling at any speed in access of 30mph is prohibited on the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel between the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel to the roundabout outside the main entrance to The Hop Farm Country Park.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce prohibition of waiting or stopping on A228 Maidstone Road from B2017 Badsell Road/Whetsted Road/Branbridges Road/ Boyle Way to A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road between Transfesa Road and A228 Whetsted Road roundabout and Beltring Road between A228 Branbridges Road to Torbay Road.

Prohibit waiting and stopping on Branbridges Road, outside of the Industrial Estate.

These restrictions are to be in place, when required as indicated by signage on site, between 0001hrs and 2359hrs on Thursday 30th June 2011 to Monday 4th July 2011 and Wednesday 20th July 2011 to Sunday 24th July 2011.

The Hop Farm Country Park apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions which are necessary due to large scale events taking place.

Katherine Kerswell  
Group Managing Director  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent, ME14 1XQ

Dated 10th June 2011

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Kent Highway Services,  
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# Your Weekend



## Lady of the dance

Hayley Sanderson, voice of hit BBC show **Strictly Come Dancing**, is ready to take your requests

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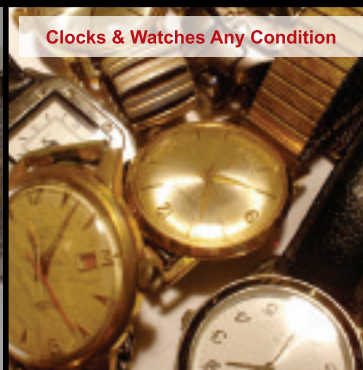
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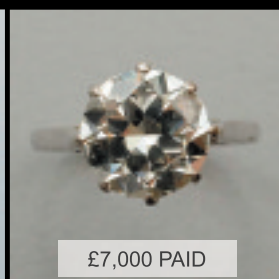
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## THE INTERVIEW

## Hayley Sanderson

## Always dancing to a different tune

**S**INGER Hayley Sanderson is coming to the Assembly Hall Theatre on Saturday, June 18, as one of the Jazz FM Allstars – and she has a request for readers of this newspaper.

"I love performing live and I love it that you never know what is going to happen. So if any person reading this is going to the show, please contact the paper if you have a special request and then it'll be forwarded on to me," she said.

Hayley is probably best known as the vocalist on Strictly Come Dancing, but she has been performing for a long time – since she was 12, in fact.

She said: "I won a singing competition, bought a small PA system and started doing gigs in pubs and clubs.

"The songs were all wrong. The northern clubs are the scariest gigs I've done in my life. They won't dance until halfway through, when they've decided whether they like you or not.

"There was a country pub in the middle of nowhere. I was 14, wearing a shiny blue jacket, thinking I was Beyoncé, singing by the toilet, and my aunt kept nipping behind me to take her tablets from her handbag. All my mates had come to watch, it was so embarrassing.

"Nowadays people just want to be famous, but if you love performing you'll put yourself through anything to do it. At the show we will be doing some of the old swing and jazz numbers, but also some more modern tunes.

"Ella Fitzgerald would do classic numbers and then maybe something by Marvin Gaye or The Beatles, so we will do something similar.

"My uncle was a musician, so that is probably how I became interested. I'd go and watch him play jazz guitar and bass. I love great songwriters and great singers who can put across the material. I listen to a huge variety and love styles from Sam Cooke to Neil Young."

Hayley's first hit was a cover of Thunderclap Newman's No 1 Something In The Air, which was also used as an advert theme.

She has a wide range of musical tastes, which helps as her appearances on Strictly can be challenging.

"I can be singing a jazz standard one minute, then have to tackle something by Lady Ga Ga," she said. "There have been times I have surprised myself and I love tackling music from the theatre, like Cabaret or Send In The Clowns.

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**Kelly Clarkson was difficult because she sings really high. I know they weren't my best performances because my mum phoned me and said 'That didn't sound very good'**

HALEY, ON EPISODE OF STRICTLY COME DANCING

"Then there are Marilyn Monroe-style big-band numbers and things by people like Alanis Morissette which I never dreamt I'd ever have a go at. I had to sing songs by Bonnie Tyler, Bette Midler and Barbra Streisand one week, which was a nightmare as they've all got very distinctive voices.

"Kelly Clarkson was difficult because she sings really high and constantly belts it. I know they weren't my best performances because my mum phoned and said 'That didn't sound very good', and she's usually really supportive."

Hayley said that on the show the judges were kept away from contestants and just about everyone else so they were not influenced.

"But on the road it's a different story," she said. "That is when you get to know people.

"Colin Jackson was one of my favourites – he's a great guy and just so funny. Pamela Stephenson was great as well. But they all are, really, and when we're on the road it's like a family.

"As a performer I love playing live, but I'm also a writer so I like the studio as well. I've recently recorded with Rick Wakeman and always wanted to try and do a Bowie song but never really dared – after all, he's Bowie and he does things a certain way.

"But we did Life On Mars and it sounded great. I also sing and play sax in a Pink Floyd tribute band called Think Floyd. I was in a girl group called Ruby Fusion. I know, it's a terrible name. We worked with the massive American producers Nile Rodgers and Narada Michael Warden. It was an unbelievable experience. The Americans are all like 'You guys are amazing, you're going to be the biggest and the best' and make you think you're going to be a star. In Britain they're more like 'We'll have a go and see what happens'. I prefer being realistic about the world."

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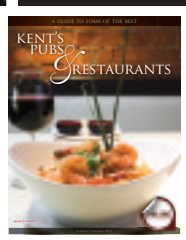


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## TALKING POINT

## Health care reforms

**U**NDER Government plans to reform the NHS, health and social care are set to be integrated with more power being given to family doctors and councils. The controversial Health and Social Care Bill has gone through a six-week 'listening exercise' before going back to Parliament for the details to be worked out.

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley's 'pause' has left local health and social care officials in limbo as they wait to see the extent of structural changes to the NHS.

But work has already begun in Kent to see how health and social care can be brought together in the future, when there will be a focus on early intervention to keep people away from A&E and older people out of hospitals to save money.

James Lampert, efficiency team manager at Kent County Council, has been leading an "exploratory programme" to integrate health and social care.

He said: "Where we are trying to get to is that if people are trying to negotiate the health and social care system that we have integrated the separate pockets for social care with the separate pockets of health services.

"Particularly for people with urgent needs, we know that the experience people have had in Kent is not always the best experience.

"We are looking at co-locating health and social care professionals in one place to that care pathways become more integrated. So that it becomes a seamless journey."

John Ashelford, a governor of the health watchdog Kent Local Involvement Network (LiNK), said: "It is essential to combine in some way health and social care services to avoid gaps. We often come across situations where health is saying one thing and social services another.

"The two are not joined up and we need to have a way to combine these services.

"For example, older people need both health and social care, it needs to be done in such a way that they are not having to deal with two groups when they are feeling elderly, frail and confused. It will save money and help with discharging planning."

The changes are being brought in as a reaction to the fact that more people are living longer. Already 12 per cent of people over 65 have more than three long-term conditions and numbers are set to double in the next 20 years.

Mr Lampert has been looking at care for people with dementia. The number of people with the condition are set to increase to more than a million by 2021.

"This is a real challenge, not only for us in Kent," he said. "What we need to be able to do firstly is pick up people early. As people start to have difficulties with day-to-day life then get them an appointment with a GP and social care professional."

Mr Lampert and his team have been going out across Kent to talk to family doctors involved in the new GP consortia, who under the Government's plans will soon control the majority of the NHS budget.

"One of the common themes for them and what seems to have happened is that GPs feel that they are more isolated than they were in the past," he said.

In west Kent, KCC has already been working with local doctors and other community health teams to enable people to stay at home for longer to reduce costs.

A pilot scheme has been running to establish multi-disciplinary team meetings to talk about patients and services users with high-level needs such as dementia, which is aimed at stopping them going into hospital for care.

"It is professionals from social services, from the



**The future of health and social care looks to be combined under current plans to change the way the NHS is run. But as Jenna Pudelek reports, this could be a change for the good as an 'exploratory programme' under way in Kent is proving**

**CARING AND SHARING:** By combining the health and social care services it is hoped many hundreds of patients will be able to be treated at home before being referred to hospital, so saving the NHS millions of pounds

# REFORMS CRITICAL TO NHS WELLBEING

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**Everything is up in the air in terms of the reforms, timelines, and the NHS needs to get its house in order. People working in the NHS are trying to work out in which directions they are going in**

**JAMES LAMPERT, ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NHS**

Kent Community Health Trust and GPs working more closely and talking about individuals at the higher end of risk of something going wrong. Having that dialogue between primary care nurses and social care staff," said Mr Lampert.

KCC is also working on better IT systems and ways of holding data on patients and services users, which can then be shared between health and social care teams.

With the two fields so closely linked it is a wonder that more shared working practices are not already in place.

Mr Lampert said: "It is something that should have happened a long time ago. Having the IT infrastructure helps make communication much easier."

Of course, all this is set against the backdrop of health and social care budget cuts.

"This is part of KCC's strategy to try and make health and social care better for people in Kent.

"How we can reduce costs and manage demand? There's the increasing ageing population in the context of budget cuts that KCC is having to make over the next few years, but there is a commitment from the Kent Community Health Trust to work with us to integrate health and social care provision to reduce duplication, de-

liver better value for money and give people a better experience."

As part of the NHS reforms, while GPs will be controlling the budget, councils will continue to scrutinise local health bodies such as hospital trusts and influence family doctors in the role as commissioners.

Asked if GPs were on board with working more closely with KCC, Mr Lampert added: "Broadly speaking every single GP says yes, integrated health and social care is the way to go and there is really good evidence that we should work with them.

"It may be because of the health changes and different GP localities with control over the budget that it might be different models of integration care depending on the different needs. What is right for Maidstone might not be right for Dartford. This is where we need to think about local health and wellbeing boards.

"This is just the beginning of a journey.

"Everything is up in the air in terms of the reforms, timelines and the NHS needs to get its house in order.

"People working in the NHS are trying to work out which direction they are going in. It has been unsettled by the Coalition coming in."

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# KENT REMEMBERED



**REBEL YELL:** The murder of Wat Tyler pictured in the 15th century Chronicles of Jean Froissart

## The peasant who led the poll tax rebellion

By Marijke Cox

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SOME 630 years ago this month thousands of rebel peasants descended on Canterbury Cathedral demanding the Archbishop be deposed.

It followed the introduction of a crippling poll tax which had been brought in under Archbishop of Canterbury Simon Sudbury, who was also the Lord Chancellor.

The Great Rising – also known as the Peasants' Revolt – saw Maidstone man Wat Tyler lead thousands of peasants from across Kent and the South East to attack Rochester Cathedral and then later break into Canterbury Cathedral during the celebration of high mass to demand that monks depose the Archbishop.

But it ended with bloodshed and the murder of Tyler and Archbishop Sudbury.

Academic Richard West, founder of the Chaucer Education Project, said historical events such as the Peasants' Revolt should be included in a Canterbury timeline.

"Much of Canterbury's history has not been published and I want to create a timeline to bring relevance to local history and bring it alive," he said.

"There is so much history here, for example, Canterbury had the world's first regular passenger railway, this is something that some people don't know.

"I also think the old City and County Borough of Canterbury should be returned – there is so



**BREAK IN:** Peasants stormed into Canterbury Cathedral

much going on here, it should run separately from the county council."

Mr West founded the self-funded Chaucer Education Project in 1986 with a view to creating a virtual learning site, similar to Open University courses.

"It will be the technical equivalent to Open University, but students will be able to choose smaller, more specialist courses, which last a shorter period of time," he said.

"They will also be able to buy courses as they go along.

"The learning site is still being developed – it has been difficult with no funding available – but I hope to soon be able to establish the online Chaucer University."

The 1381 break-in at Canterbury Cathedral by Wat Tyler during the Peasants' Revolt was the first historical item to feature on the new pages of The Chaucer Education Project.

The famous rebellion be-

gan on May 30 and continued through June with attacks on Rochester and Canterbury, until the protesters reached London on June 14.

During a meeting between Richard II and Wat Tyler, which resulted in the King backing down on his tax plans, rebels tracked down Archbishop Sudbury and beheaded him.

Historical accounts report that the following day during another meeting, the King became angered by Tyler's arrogant behaviour and the Lord Mayor slashed at him with his sword, mortally wounding the rebel leader.

Mr West said the account gave a glimpse into what the history course unit, at GCSE level, would involve.

"This was a major event in history, particularly for Canterbury and Kent," said Mr West.

"For the last 40 years Wat Tyler's movement hasn't been published everywhere and some people don't know much about it even though it is an important part of Canterbury's history – every Christmas Day a wreath is laid on the tomb of Archbishop Sudbury."

Mr West said he aimed to create a timeline on his site to highlight local events in history as part of the planned online Chaucer University history course.

Wat Tyler Way in Maidstone is named after the rebel leader.

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**TALL** slim, lonely 53yr old guy, seeks female for loving, tender relationship, age/looks unimportant. Surrey. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366941 ☞

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**49YR** old gent, seeking a lady companion, any nationality for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366059

**GEORGE** likes sports, socialising, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365975 ☞

**TALL** mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362511

## Gay Seeking

**IAN** 42, inexperienced bisexual, seeks male for fun times. Dartford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367941

**53YR** old bi male, 5ft 11ins, slim, seeks gay/bi male, experienced, up to 65 from Faversham/Sittingbourne area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 367829 ☞

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# The chef putting the great into pub grub

**R**ICHARD Phillips has created some of the best restaurants in Kent. His first venture, Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells, won a Michelin star and his other restaurants have been praised equally.

For his latest project he has moved away from fine dining into the world of the local boozer.

He said: "I knew I could deliver with my experience. I just needed to bring that to a pub."

Phillips and his team took over the Pearson's Arms, Whitstable, in December 2010. Its location right on the seafront of the trendy town has to be one of the best in the county. However, the reputation of its food has over the years, like the nearby tides, ebbed and flowed.

Phillips said: "I used to bring my children to Whitstable for a day out and always knew it was a nice place. I wanted to re-create a traditional English pub but with a really good atmosphere and a bit of everything; great beers, great wines and a great dining experience."

The chef, who has appeared on TV shows like Ready Steady Cook, wanted the character to be informal but with no drop in quality and, despite its seaside locality, he was also keen not limit the menu to seafood.

He said: "We are not a nation that just lives

Richard Phillips talks to **Ed Hill** about his latest challenge – taking charge of a seafront hostelry

**TAKING OVER THE PUB:** The team, from left: head chef Cameron Maclean, manager Jamie Evans and Richard Phillips

on seafood. Because of our great meat and other produce, we can eat a whole range. In winter we like slow-cooked and warming foods. In the summer we want something different.

"I wanted to cook traditional dishes but executed superbly. We are just a few yards from the sea, but I am also just a few miles from some of the best apples and best game on the planet. I wanted to dovetail seafood with other food, and that comes back to the seasons. If you are a fish-eater, we will always have that, but I will also serve in-season pheasant and venison."

Phillips also knew that a pub's reputation was even more linked to its drink.

The Pearson's serves an extensive range of beers from local microbreweries; there is also a large selection of foreign and bottled beers and a comprehensive wine list.

He said: "Kent is the home of the hop and I wanted to reflect that. We also offer our Wine Flights, when customers can try three different glasses of wine for a set price.

"Ten years ago, it was hard to find local suppliers that could fulfil demand. People would come to me with a free-range chicken, but when I said I needed 100 a week they would balk at that. Local suppliers are realising they have to produce more if they are going to deal with the restaurant trade."

Diners can also expect a varying menu. The lunchtime fare changes every week and the à la carte dishes change around every three weeks.

"That is important to me," said Phillips. "I like my customers to come back and know they can experience something different. It is also good for my staff – it keeps them on their toes. The food has to be good because it has my name associated with it, but I don't want to scare people off. I want the pub to be welcoming to families."

So how has the first six months been?

Phillips said: "It has been great, but I feel I have only just scratched the surface – we have a long way to go. I never like to get complacent."

## Farmers' markets

### Dartford

DARTFORD farmers' market began in November 2005 at the request of Dartford Borough Council and has been running since then. It is held in the pedestrian area of Dartford high street and is open to the public between 10am and 2pm selling a variety of produce.

### Headcorn

HEADCORN farmers' market has now entered its fourth year and opens every second Saturday from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the village hall. It aims to provide good-quality local produce and locally-made goods at excellent prices, with a wide range on offer.

### Penshurst

THE Times recently named Penshurst farmers' market in its Top Ten markets in the UK. With more than 30 stalls offering the best local food and drink, it is set against the picturesque backdrop of Penshurst Place on the first Saturday of each month.

### Hildenborough

EVERY Tuesday in St John's Church Centre, the extremely popular Hildenborough farmers' market has an average of 20 stalls each week offering a wide range of fresh local produce including meats, cheeses and fruit of high quality at competitive prices.

### Whitfield

WHITFIELD farmers' market is held every Thursday from 9am to midday in the village hall. It is a very busy market, with 200-300 customers through the door each week, and offers fresh fish including scallops, crabs, lobsters and local fish in season.

### Rolvenden

ROLVENDEN farmers' market was established in 2000 and has been in business ever since. It is run by volunteers and is non-profit-making and takes place every Thursday from 10am to midday in the new village hall and St Mary's Church opposite.

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Conservation  
volunteers  
Ancient trees

**Tonbridge area**  
Sunday, July 10  
www.btcv.org/kent  
01233 666519

THE British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is looking for volunteers in west Kent to join its ancient-trees project. The group has been awarded £652,400 to carry out a survey of Kent's Heritage trees. Heritage trees are defined by the Forestry Commission as trees with historical and cultural significance. BTCV is looking for 330 volunteers to train to become Heritage Tree Surveyors. No experience is necessary as free training and equipment will be provided. Volunteers can also take part in guided walks and talks, community awareness days and ecology courses. For details, phone Virginia Hodge on 01233 666519 or email v.hodge@btcv.org.uk.

Beating retreat  
Armed Forces  
Day tribute

**Historic Dockyard Chatham**  
Saturday, June 25, 6pm  
01634 823826  
www.thedockyard.co.uk

THE Historic Dockyard Chatham is celebrating Armed Forces Day in Medway with a beating retreat and ceremonial sunset. This popular traditional event will feature the band of Her

Majesty's Royal Marines Portsmouth, together with the Duke Of York's Royal Military School Band and the City Of Rochester Pipe Band. Tickets are available at £12 for a front view, £10 for a side view and £8 for a rear view. This is a fund-raising event in aid of Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust and the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust. It will be preceded by an Armed Forces And Veterans' Parade through Rochester high street at 10.30am, followed by a drumhead service in Rochester Castle Gardens at 11am.

As part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations, Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust is offering free entry to the dockyard, including all the galleries and attractions, for veterans, current service personnel and people who worked at the dockyard prior to its closure in 1984. Complimentary tickets can be collected on arrival on presentation of ID or proof of service. Up to five accompanying guests will be able to buy guest day tickets for the event at the reduced price of £9.50.

Father's Day  
Light-railway  
treat for Dad

**Tenterden & Bodiam Station**  
Sunday, June 19, 1.15pm  
www.kesr.org.uk  
01580 765 155

THIS Father's Day, why not treat Dad to a day at the Kent and East Sussex Railway? The treat includes a return journey on one of the railway's stunning vintage steam trains, and Dad can choose from a delicious homemade ploughman's lunch or cream tea, served to your reserved table and complimented by a bottle of the railway's own beer, Dad's Delight. Also included in the ticket price is an amusing caricature of Dad, which will be drawn during the train ride, so he remembers the day. The Kent & East Sussex railway stretches more than 10 miles between Tenterden and Bodiam stations, and visitors of all ages will love the excitement of travelling on one of the country's finest rural light railways. Relax on board as you take in the beauty of the surrounding countryside, interrupted only by the gentle chug of the steam engine. There will be a choice of two trains from Tenterden station for the Father's Day treat, departing at 1.15pm and 3.30pm.



History shots  
Memories of  
high street

**Medway Archives, Strood**  
Until Tuesday, July 12  
01634 332714  
www.medway.gov.uk

MEMORIES of Rochester high street are the inspiration for a free exhibition opening at the archives centre this month. It features photographs from 1910, 1967 and 2011. The exhibition will also include tales from residents of Watts Almshouses collected in 2006. One resident recalled going

to a Freemasons' dinner and dance at the Corn Exchange in the 1960s. She said: "It was really grand. It was the first time I ever wore a long skirt. The Corn Exchange was really impressive as you walked up those stairs." Another worked in Davies newsagents for 12 years. "It was the smallest shop in Rochester," she said. "The shop door used to open on to the counter, which meant anybody waiting there was knocked. We also unearthed a fireplace at the back and I suggested to my brother that he should close down for a week because I wanted to investigate further. He said newsagents can't afford to shut up shop."





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## Dover Museum The 80s back into focus

**Market Square, Dover**

Until Saturday, October 8  
01304 201066

[www.dover.gov.uk/museum](http://www.dover.gov.uk/museum)

DOVER Museum is remembering the 80s and looking at how the area has changed over the last 30 years in a new exhibition. Using contrasting photographs, Dover In Pictures includes a comparison of technology, fashion and everyday items, as well as archive and film material. The exhibition runs in connection with the BBC's Domesday Reloaded online project, which explores the results of the 1986 Domesday project, in which local people captured life in their area, using photographs and text. If you have items from the 80s that you would like to lend to the museum and have added to the displays, contact organiser Sam Harris on 01304 216883.



## We are here to entertain you Spirit of the 40s

**Tom Thumb Theatre,  
Cliftonville**

Wednesday, June 15  
01843 221791

THE tiny Tom Thumb Theatre hosts a celebration of the spirit of the 1940s when Gordon Clarkson and his company perform the latest edition of their show There'll Always Be An England. The show is a tribute to the performers of ENSA (Entertainments National Service Association), who lived and worked in conditions similar to the

troops, service personnel and munition-factory-workers they entertained.

Packed with songs from the period and classic comedy, the show celebrates the spirit that brought Britain through some of its darkest days. It re-creates a typical ENSA concert and, from the moment the audience passes the unexploded bomb on the way in, steps back in time to 1941 in laughter and song. There is a talented but small company, as befits one of the smallest theatres in the world. The first show is on Wednesday, June 15, with a matinee at 2.30pm and an evening date at 7.30pm. It is then staged on the Wednesdays of July 27 and August 10. Tickets are £8; phone 01843 221791 or visit [www.wegotickets.com/location/3610](http://www.wegotickets.com/location/3610).

## Living history Post Office in the Great War

**Royal Engineers Museum,  
Gillingham**

Until Thursday, September 1  
01634 822839

[www.remuseum.org.uk](http://www.remuseum.org.uk)

THE Royal Engineers Museum is hosting the exhibition Last Post: Remembering The First World War.

Curated by the British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA)

and Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms, it explores the role played by the Post Office during the First World War. More than 75,000 men left their jobs in the Post Office to fight, with 12,000 joining the Post Office's own battalion – The Post Office Rifles. As the men left to fight, tens of thousands of women joined the Post Office workforce temporarily. For the first time, women were allowed to perform duties from which they had previously been excluded. Postal communications, including telephones and telegraphs,

were an important tool in connecting headquarters with the front line, as well as keeping soldiers and people at home in touch. Last Post demonstrates how letters were delivered to the front, how the Post Office dealt with huge increases in mail and the vital part that censorship played in the war effort. The museum will also display some rarely-seen postal items, including maps and the hard tack biscuit that was sent to the front through the post. An online version of the exhibition can be viewed at [www.postalheritage.org](http://www.postalheritage.org).



## New gallery Stour Valley Arts project

**Elwick Road, Ashford**

Sat, June 11, to Sat, July 16  
01233 664 987

[www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk](http://www.stourvalleyarts.org.uk)

STOUR Valley Arts, which has been creating artworks in King's Forest, near Challock since 1994, has opened a gallery in Ashford.

The first exhibition is by artist Jem Finer, known particularly for his work with sound, music and sculpture. His latest work, Stills, has been created to coincide with the opening of the new gallery.

Finer hid a solar-powered camera in a tree in King's Wood for a year. The camera was an observer, recording all that passed before its lens. Finer then designed software to continually re-order the 18,000 captured photographs. The sequencing means that the flow of time is continually being stretched or compressed. The viewer is as likely to witness the passing of a single day as much as a year. Finer is giving a talk about his work at the gallery on Saturday, June 30, at 6pm. To reserve a place, email [info@stourvalleyarts.org.uk](mailto:info@stourvalleyarts.org.uk). Stills will be open from Saturday, June 11, on Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10am-5pm.





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## TELEVISION

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# Winkleman referees in the battle of wit and celeb ego



## King Of

Friday, June 17, 9.30pm, Channel 4

FANS of *Strictly Come Dancing* are still reeling from the revelation that Claudia Winkleman will not be hosting its spin-off show *It Takes Two* this year.

It's hard to imagine the programme without her surreal wit, flights of fancy and uncontrollable giggles, but at least she's back on the box this week with a new six-part comedy chat show in which she and her guests take a light-hearted look at some of the nation's favourite things.

In kind of a reversal to Paul Merton's BBC Two classic *Room 101*, *King Of* decides what the best things in life are.

Cropping up throughout the run will be an eclectic mix of subjects, including musicals, newsreaders, supermodels, pets, artists and take-aways. What Claudia and her guests then have to decide is which of them are the champions.

The first edition sees Sarah Millican and Chris Evans enter into a debate with the studio audience. We're expecting diva-style behaviour from the celebs if their choice isn't named king by the end of the night.

Winkleman said: "I have been playing *King Of* with friends and family forever. I am completely over the moon I'm now being allowed to do it on the telly. What's the king of condiments? No, it's not ketchup"

The six-part series was commissioned by Channel 4's commissioning editor for entertainment, Darren Smith, who said: "Seeing Claudia in a comedy entertainment context is a real treat.

"Everyone knows how charming and brainy she is, and now you can see how incredibly funny she can be. We're hugely excited."

With producers such as Ruth Wallace (*Mock The Week*), Chris Little (*League Of Their Own*) and Kate Staples (*Would I Lie To You*), *King Of* is surely going to put laughter back into Friday-night comedy. This is just another great example of the ideas team at Channel 4 working overtime to surpass other terrestrial competitors.



NOW THERE'S A THOUGHT: Claudia Winkleman says that she has been playing *King Of* forever



KEY MAN: Music helps the choir go round

## This 8,000-person choir will be heard

### The Choir That Rocks

Thursday, June 16, 9pm, ITV One

ITV's new series is something far away from the norm of its usual style.

The *Choir That Rocks* is a documentary following five months on the road with the largest amateur singing choir in the UK. With more than 8,000 members having 150 rehearsals in 90 towns across the country, the rock choir is an entity that can be understood only with the watching of this show.

The programme focuses on founder Caroline Redman Lusher, who has booked Wembley Arena with plans to get the whole choir to sing together for the first time.

Lusher is the brains behind the whole idea and the first thing we learn is that she is a remarkable woman. She started performing professionally at the age of 15, is a gifted pianist and violinist, has appeared on the West End stage, and spent time as a teacher before launching her most successful venture.

"Rock Choir has organically grown from the love of pop music and the desire to make people happy," she said. "I'm on a journey and now there are thousands of people on that journey with me."

"It is unique and it's a culmination personally of everything I have ever done, learnt or experienced, coming together to provide something special for the UK."

This is one talented group of performers and the documentary allows viewers a unique insight into the often-strange world of the mega-choir.

The three-part mini series also follows choir-leaders Nic Slack and Stef Conner as they head across the nation publicising both the organisation and its upcoming Wembley date.

A documentary is not a documentary without some background research on its subject, so the series charts the choir's history to date. We also get a look into the lives and stories of some of the choir's participants. A must-watch.

## Luther dusts off the cuffs for a returns to the force

THE second series of the latest BBC crime drama involving the troubled and relentless London detective John Luther.

It's a year since the death of his estranged wife Zoe and his best friend Ian Reed's betrayal, but crime never stops and neither will Luther. While old acquaintance Alice (Ruth Wilson) passes time in a psychiatric unit and DS Justin Ripley (Warren Brown) languishes in uniform, Luther has been shut away with dusty files working on cold cases. Thankfully, his angst is tempered

### Luther

Tuesdays, 9pm, BBC One

by his new friendship with Mark North (Paul McGann) and their chess games – a bond formed through Zoe, the person who once divided them. Former investigating officer Martin Schenk (Dermot Crowley) offers him a role in the new Serious And Serial Unit, and obviously Luther accepts. He is determined to devote his energy to reinstating Ripley as a rising star in

the police force and help those whom he hurt or compromised in the past, including Alice. The team is joined by ambitious DS Erin Gray (Nikki Amuka-Bird) and their first case together involves a man who hides behind a Punch mask as he brutally slays his victims. Look out for a guest appearance from *The Wire*'s Idris Elba. "Luther takes viewers to places where TV drama rarely goes," he said. "It's an emotional roller-coaster, full of unexpected twists and turns."

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With parts dating back to the 17th century and later additions, this Grade II-listed property has been sympathetically restored to an exacting standard by the present owner, incorporating a wealth of oak beams. No expense has been spared and true craftsmanship is evident throughout the house.

Automatic gates lead to an extensive brick-paved forecourt area, where there is a double garage with storage above. The main house has a dramatic oak-panelled and beamed vaulted hall and staircase, leading to a galleried landing with oak floor.

The drawing room is double-aspect with French doors to the garden, an inglenook fireplace and flagstone floor and the luxury family kitchen/breakfast room also has an inglenook, cream Shaker-style units, granite tops, island unit and Rangemaster appliances in black.

Bedrooms total five in all, two of which are

en-suite with stylish contemporary bathrooms (free-standing baths and oak fittings), while there are two family bathrooms.

Floors are natural stone on the ground floor and polished oak floors in the bedrooms, with tiled floors in the bathrooms.

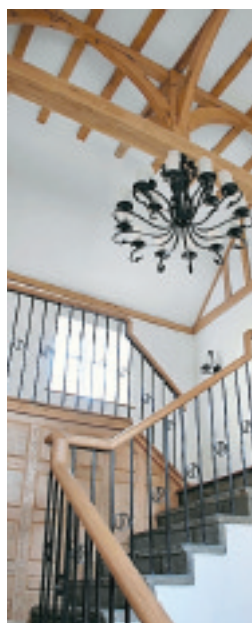
The annexe is self-contained with stone floors, a vaulted living room with a brick open fireplace and wood-burning stove, oak kitchen, two bedrooms and a well-fitted bathroom.

Central heating is oil-fired and there are substantial column radiators throughout. The magical grounds surrounding the house amount to almost four acres, with a host of beautiful, mature trees defining the boundaries and creating sheltered nooks and crannies.

Winding paths take you alongside the Seabrook stream, split-level lakes, ragstone bridge and weir and lawns and a paddock. There is planning permission for a stable block and tack room for those with equestrian interests, and there are many walks and rides accessible nearby at the foot of the North Downs.

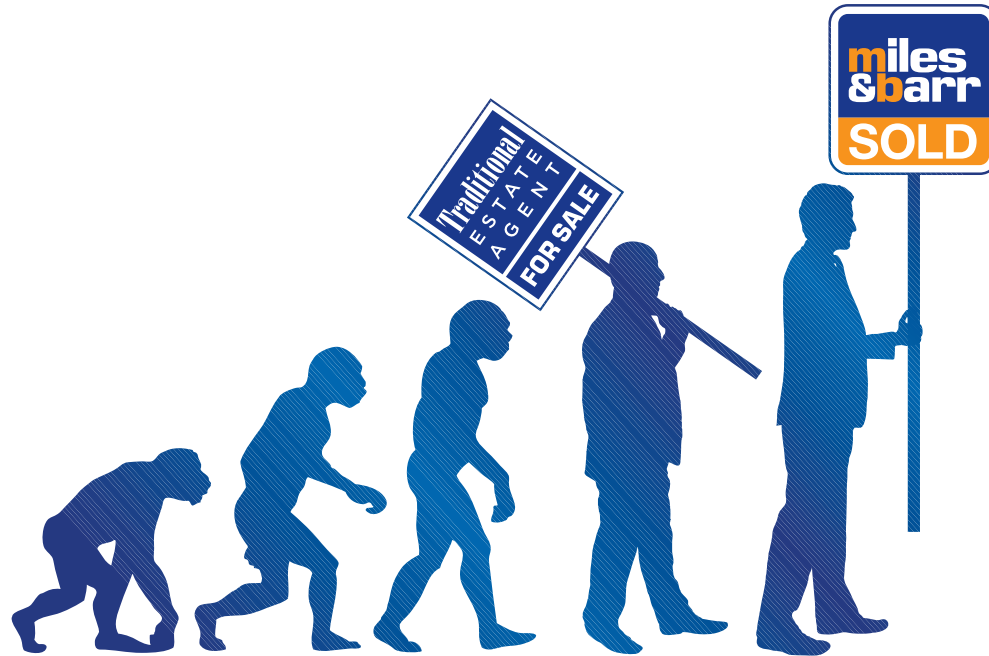
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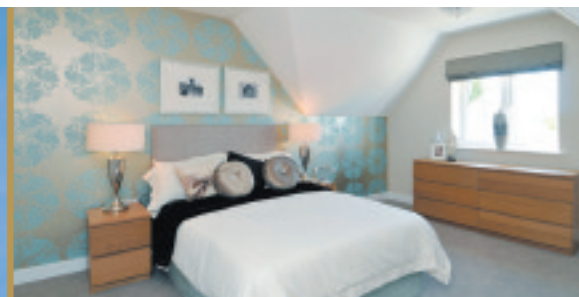


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# Saab and 9-3 re-Bjorn

By Sam Davison

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IT has been a bumpy ride for Saab of late.

The Swedish motor icon needed another cash injection a few weeks ago from a Chinese manufacturer to ensure its future, just two years on from erstwhile parent General Motors (GM) preparing to pull the plug on the brand.

At that point, one of Sweden's most famous exports along with Abba, was 're-Bjorn' as partner to another re-born company, Spyker of Holland.

It was a curious marriage, though; Saab is more lower-volume executive brand than mass producer, while its new partner makes ultra-low-volume hand-crafted supercars.

Perhaps not surprisingly then in these cash-strapped times, the new independent group needed yet more cash backing; enter the Chinese and new possibilities for premium sales in their home market, one of the fastest-growing and strongest in the world at the moment.

And there is huge goodwill elsewhere and notably in the UK for one of the most technologically-revered brands in the industry.

The now separately owned Saab aerospace company began car production in 1949, majoring on aerodynamic styling and innovative engineering.

It promoted front-wheel drive and championed turbocharging, realising that boosting its four-cylinder engines was a cheaper route to higher outputs than developing a new six-cylinder unit to take on German rivals.

Turbocharging helped it to develop its most successful model ever, the 1980s-vintage 900, yet the company's finances were faltering and GM took a hold on the company in 1989.

Fiercely loyal 'Saabites' then became increasingly angry at what they saw as GM cloning within a once distinctive Saab line-up; in searching for economies of scale needed to

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The Saab 9-3 has undergone yet another facelift, with tweaks to the front and a much-needed upgrade on the interior

make Saab profitable, GM watered down the innovation and bravery that had created such a loyal following.

And much GM technology still underpins Saabs even after gaining independence – the all-new 9-5 cannot escape the feel that it is modelled on the Vauxhall Insignia.

And yet the brand's workhorse model and long-running 9-3, launched at the height of GM control, shows how the Swedes dared to be as different as possible under GM.

Newly facelifted – again – the fluidity of the original design still has freshness and the tweaks to the front give the car its most muscular stance yet, while interior has a much-needed upgrade without disturbing the famed aircraft style dashboard and the state-of-the-art seats.

In recent years, and like many rivals, Saab has concentrated on turbocharged diesels for better economy and emissions, but its old expertise in petrol turbocharging is still much in evidence on cars such as the 2.0T Aero we have just tested.

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Allied to a responsive front-wheel drive chassis, the 9-3 remains a driver's car and while it is actually now quite old when measured against rivals, it can still be rewarding to drive as well as attractive to look at.

Don't just check out the saloon, as tested here though, because the 9-3 range also includes the Sportwagon – a classy looking estate to rival the ubiquitous BMW 3-Series and the Audi A4 Avant – and the Convertible.

The current car is currently celebrating 25 years since the original 900 Convertible was released and put the wind up German premium brands in that rather exclusive sector.

We've said before that the 'croptop' is the ace up Saab's sleeve, being good for brand image.

There is also another potential trump card. Saab now has an excellent all-drive system known as XWD to rival Audi's Quattro sub-branding and it works superbly on the 9-3 – we can vouch for that after testing it on an ice track.

The Saab saga continues.

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## Hy on time for the latest i40

AMBITIOUS Korean marque Hyundai says the first version of its stylish new Mondeo class offering, the i40, will hit UK roads by September.

The Tourer or estate – to be followed quickly by a saloon – will start at £18,395 and feature the usual generous spec and five-year warranty plus some of the lowest taxes and running costs in its class.



## 1-Series gets a diesel boost

IT still isn't pretty, but BMW's all-new second generation 1-Series is proof that there's still life in the internal combustion engine.

The headline diesel, the 116d, delivers road tax-beating low emissions and averages more than 70mpg. Driving satisfaction is also guaranteed, with BMW reaffirming its belief in rear-wheel drive.



## New Mazda6 the business

KENT-based Mazda UK has underlined its strength in the corporate market by launching a new Business Line version of its Mondeo class Mazda6.

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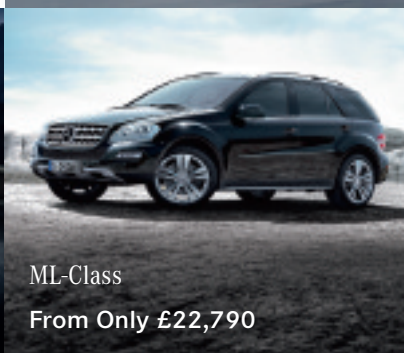
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## FOOTBALL

## Rusthall hope to use new league as stepping stone

ACCEPTANCE into the newly-formed Kent Invicta League has provided Rusthall Football Club with a clear path to achieving their goal of Kent League status.

Rusthall are keen to take their place alongside local rivals Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks Town, and as one of the 16 clubs set to play at step six next season, their vision is edging closer to reality.

Last term, the club finished 14th in the Kent County League Premier Division. John Ronaldson, having stepped aside as first-team manager with the hope of being elected chairman next month, says their Invicta League inclusion is hugely significant.

"The club wants to move forward, like Tunbridge Wells," he said. "We want to progress to level five, and level six is a stepping stone to get there. We have to get floodlights within four years, to bring Jockey Farm up to standard, like Culverden, Longmead or Crowborough. The club is very ambitious and we're looking to get into the Kent League.

"Being in the Tunbridge Wells area, you don't attract as many players as you would hope, but it's something we're working on and hopefully playing at level six will allow us to attract a better quality of player."

The league season will run from August 20 to April 30 and Rusthall have been drawn at home to Cray Valley (PM) in the first round of the inaugural Kent Invicta League Challenge Cup.

Centre-back Nick Coxon, who helped Ronaldson with the running of the side last season, will take over as player-manager as Rusthall open a new chapter in their 112-year history.

## SAILING

## Boat show highlights the attraction of Bewl

SAILING enthusiasts from across the south-east will head to Lamberhurst this weekend as Bewl Valley Sailing Club holds its boat show and open day.

The club will host a large display of sailing dinghies and will offer taster sailing sessions for those new to the sport on Saturday.

There will also be an appearance by Bluebird, the car in which Sir Michael Campbell set a new world land speed record back in 1937.

Meanwhile, the show marks the launch of the Royal Yachting Association's (RYA) 'Sail for Gold' campaign, with a youth regatta to promote Team GB's future sailing ambitions.

Crispin Farrant, the Bewl Valley commodore, said: "We are expecting another fantastic show with visitors from across Kent, Sussex and Surrey, and even further afield.

"Last year's event was hugely popular and showed there is a growing demand to take to the water. With the Olympics just a year away we are expecting even more interest from the public."

Bewl Water offers the opportunity for anyone over the age of eight to learn to sail in a relaxed and safe environment at the RYA recognised training centre.

Simon Hume-Kendall, owner of Kent Attractions, which manages Bewl Water, said: "The water is at the heart of Bewl, which is already famous for its water sports. The sailing club is an integral part of what is on offer here."

The shows runs from 11.30am to 4.30pm.

## TONBRIDGE ANGELS

# Piper set to leave Angels as Tommy targets striker

By Steve Tervet

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TONBRIDGE Angels manager Tommy Warrilow admits he cannot afford to keep Chris Piper at the club next season and has resigned himself to losing the attacking midfielder to another Conference South club.

Warrilow is already in talks with potential replacements and says his need to strengthen midfield means the Angels are likely to go into next season with only two recognised strikers on their books.

While the Tonbridge boss has agreed new deals with 12 of last season's promotion-winning squad, he said he had been unable to match the offers Piper received from elsewhere. Speculation linking Piper with a move to either Dover Athletic or Dartford appears to be wide of the mark though, with the Bermondsey-based player considering offers closer to home.

"Basically, I don't think I can afford Pipes this year," Warrilow said. "I've got to be realistic, he's got a young family and he's been offered fantastic deals elsewhere. He's got to think of his family and what's best for him. These things happen in football and I've tried my best but I've resigned myself to losing him.

"We are in a different ball-park now and we can't get caught up in what is going on around us. Chris loves this club, he wants to stay, but needs must and we can't start robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"I'm speaking to a couple of other players in that area and I have to make decisions on them. They're wanted by other clubs and I have to be careful, otherwise I'll miss out on the whole lot of them. It's an area we need to look at because we've only got Lewis Taylor



Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

**ON HIS WAY:** Midfielder Chris Piper has been offered better deals elsewhere and is set to exit Longmead

and Lee Browning in there at the moment."

Frannie Collin and Ade Olorunda have already penned new deals to stay at Longmead for next season, but with neither Carl Rook or Adrian Stone being retained, the Angels frontline desperately needs a boost.

However, Warrilow says they must shoulder the full goal-scoring responsibilities when Tonbridge kick-off their Conference South campaign in August.

"I'll possibly have to go with two forwards to start with," he said. "I need another forward, I know that, but some of the forwards who can play in this league, there's no point us trying to grab them. We've got to have a reality check, which means going with two strikers for now.

"Once the season gets going, that's the area where we'll be looking to bring someone in. We've got to be patient and we've got the loan structure to consider as

well. Last year, it was frustrating because the pro clubs don't like to loan below Conference South, but this year that option is there."

One weapon Warrilow does have in his arsenal is the versatility of Ben Andrews, who joined the Angels from Ryman Premier Division club Horsham at the end of last week.

Andrews, normally a centre-back, also operated as a striker for the Hornets, scoring 51 times in 190 appearances.

## SEVENOAKS TOWN

## Promotion within two years a realistic target, says new Sevenoaks manager

NEW Sevenoaks Town boss Darren Anslow believes he can bring Ryman League football to Greatness Park within two years.

Anslow, named as Keith Levett's successor earlier this week, accepts his first season in west Kent is likely to be one of transition, and is keen to halt the revolving door which has seen him become Town's third manager in less than a year.

Recommended by Levett and outgoing assistant boss Rob Quinn as a strong candidate for the post, the 40-year-old knows stability is the key if he is to put Sevenoaks on the

Kent football map.

Anslow said: "I'm ambitious and I think Sevenoaks are as well, but I understand we've got to be sustainable in terms of the playing staff.

"I don't want them to be in the same position in 12 months' time, where they're looking for their fourth manager in four years.

"I don't want to be a manager whose CV is littered with 10 or 15 different clubs, I want to establish myself somewhere, build a young side over a couple of years and be successful, so I am aiming for the Ryman League. They're not

quite ready to go up yet, but that gives me some breathing space to find out what I need to do to get promoted."

As manager of the Cray Wanderers academy, Anslow's approach is likely to be similar to Levett's who blooded several of his Welling United academy players in the Sevenoaks first-team.

"I've invited all the players back to pre-season as well as the players I'm going to bring in," Anslow said. "They all need to understand it's a blank canvas, I won't favour players coming in over the players I don't know."



**AMBITIOUS:** Town boss Darren Anslow



MOTORSPORT



READY: Jota Sport are dreaming of upsetting the more powerful factory teams and scoring an historic podium at the 24 Hours of Le Mans this weekend

# Jota looking to upset the odds as Le Mans 24 Hours revs in to view

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THE glare of the motorsport world falls on Jota Sport this weekend as the Kent team takes on the cream of the sportscar scene at the iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Jota, based near Tunbridge Wells, find themselves up against the might of BMW, Ferrari, Porsche and Corvette as they bid to upset the odds and emerge from the world-famous event with a place on the podium in north-west France.

Sam Hancock, co-owner of Jota, is one of the team's three drivers alongside former class winner Chris Buncombe and Le Mans debutant Simon Dolan. This year is Hancock's sixth crack at Le Mans, but he insists the aura surrounding the race remains as potent as ever.

"It doesn't matter how many times you race at Le Mans, the significance of the event is never

lost," he said. "It's the biggest race of the year and for every driver, the dream is to finish up on the podium at Le Mans."

"I'm lucky enough to have raced there five times and I still find it amazing. I think I know how to work it by now, but I still chat to drivers and hear how they manage and approach the race, things I'd never have thought of."

The race itself gets under way at 7pm on Saturday, but Jota have already been in France for the best part of a week, attending scrutineering checks, autograph sessions and finally getting their Aston Martin onto the track for qualifying on Wednesday.

The illustrious field of drivers includes ex-Formula One driver Giancarlo Fisichella and each driver will approach the race in his own way. For Hancock, though, proper rest is essential.

"I find I perform much better if I have at least some sleep," he said. "Some drivers stay awake

through the whole thing, some can't sleep because of the noise and the adrenaline. I'd rather get in the car for two or three hours, have a 10-minute debrief with the engineers, have a shower, get into some tracksuit bottoms and go straight to bed for one, two or three hours. It seems to go on for ever and you have to detach yourself from what's going on in your car, your team, and the progress of the race."

Jota are competing in the GT Endurance Pro class at Le Mans and while they will be boosted by a fifth-placed finish at the recent six-hour race in Spa, Hancock accepts they face a mountainous task.

"We need to manage our expectations and everybody else's," he said. "We are a privateer team up against the official factory teams, serious world-class competition. Only three cars will be on the podium and there are at least six factory cars but anything can happen at Le Mans."

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

## Wells skipper Bekker wary of trip to basement club

TUNBRIDGE Wells travel to face the Kent League Premier Division's basement club on Saturday with skipper Evert Bekker urging his players to maintain the focus which served them well at Bromley last weekend.

Bekker's side take on The Mote, with the hosts having not tasted victory since the opening day of the season.

The Wells sit just three places above the Maidstone side, knowing a win could lift them into the relative comfort of the top-half.

"Every game in the Premier League is a tough game," Bekker said. "Often, when you play sides who have made a relatively poor

start to the season, who have been on the wrong end of a few results, they tend to fight back even harder. We need to make sure we prepare well and if we perform for 110 overs with both bat and ball, we back ourselves to get the win."

Last Saturday, the Wells came agonisingly close to another record run-chase when they finished just 10 runs short of Bromley's total of 331. Three weeks earlier, they made Kent League history by overhauling Lordswood's target of 313 at The Nevill and Bekker admitted he left Bromley with mixed feelings.

"To score 321 runs and still not be able to get over the line was



RUNS: Tunbridge Wells had to settle for a losing draw away to Bromley

disappointing," he said. "However, it showed just how close we are to the champions and we can take a great deal of heart from the performance."

Elsewhere in the division, Sevenoaks Vine are looking to chalk up their third straight victory after

Lorne Burns inspired them to a 60-run win at Lordswood.

Burns finished unbeaten on 120 in the Vine's total of 273 for 8 and he then swept to bowling figures of 6 for 43 as the home side mustered just 213 in reply. On Saturday, Sevenoaks host Bickley Park.

### KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

| PREMIER DIVISION  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
|---|---|---|----|------|-------|-----|
|   | P | W | WD | BatP | BowlP | Pts |
| Blackheath  | 5 | 3 | 0  | 3    | 6     | 69  |
| Lordswood   | 5 | 3 | 0  | 7    | 5     | 68  |
| Bexley  | 5 | 2 | 2  | 12   | 9     | 65  |
| Sevenoaks Vine  | 5 | 3 | 0  | 2    | 5     | 63  |
| Hartley Country Club  | 5 | 2 | 2  | 10   | 9     | 63  |
| Bromley   | 5 | 2 | 1  | 5    | 9     | 55  |
| Tunbridge Wells   | 5 | 2 | 0  | 11   | 6     | 49  |
| Bickley Park  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 7    | 14    | 37  |
| Sibton Park   | 5 | 1 | 0  | 9    | 4     | 33  |
| The Mote  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 6    | 4     | 30  |
| DIVISION ONE  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| Canterbury  | 5 | 4 | 1  | 4    | 2     | 88  |
| Beckenham   | 5 | 4 | 0  | 2    | 4     | 78  |
| Sandwich Town   | 5 | 3 | 1  | 6    | 7     | 71  |
| Folkestone  | 5 | 3 | 0  | 5    | 6     | 67  |
| Broadstairs   | 5 | 2 | 0  | 10   | 6     | 52  |
| St Lawrence   | 5 | 2 | 0  | 8    | 7     | 51  |
| Whitstable  | 5 | 1 | 1  | 12   | 10    | 44  |
| Tenterden   | 5 | 1 | 1  | 10   | 6     | 42  |
| Gore Court  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 8    | 11    | 35  |
| Ashford Town  | 5 | 0 | 0  | 10   | 17    | 27  |
| DIVISION TWO  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| Hythe   | 5 | 5 | 0  | 0    | 0     | 96  |
| Orpington   | 5 | 3 | 1  | 4    | 3     | 79  |
| Upchurch  | 5 | 3 | 1  | 8    | 3     | 69  |
| Harvel  | 5 | 3 | 0  | 6    | 6     | 68  |
| HSBC  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 11   | 7     | 54  |
| Dartford  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 1    | 7     | 49  |
| Gravesend   | 5 | 2 | 0  | 7    | 6     | 49  |
| Hayes   | 5 | 1 | 0  | 8    | 11    | 35  |
| Catford and Cyphers   | 5 | 1 | 0  | 9    | 9     | 34  |
| Holmesdale  | 5 | 0 | 0  | 17   | 11    | 28  |
| DIVISION THREE  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| Linden Park   | 5 | 3 | 1  | 5    | 5     | 72  |
| Catford Wanderers   | 5 | 3 | 0  | 6    | 3     | 69  |
| Bromley Common  | 5 | 3 | 1  | 7    | 7     | 68  |
| Addington Village   | 5 | 2 | 1  | 12   | 8     | 62  |
| Old Wiltshamians  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 5    | 12    | 57  |
| Old Elthamians  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 7    | 11    | 54  |
| High Halstow  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 3    | 6     | 45  |
| Old Colfeians   | 5 | 1 | 0  | 13   | 12    | 45  |
| Sidcup  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 6    | 6     | 44  |
| Minster (Sheppey)   | 5 | 1 | 1  | 8    | 7     | 37  |
| DIVISION FIVE   |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| Cowdrey   | 5 | 4 | 1  | 4    | 4     | 86  |
| Norington   | 5 | 4 | 0  | 3    | 3     | 78  |
| Bapchild  | 5 | 3 | 1  | 5    | 7     | 74  |
| Blackheath 3rd XI   | 5 | 3 | 0  | 4    | 3     | 63  |
| Bromley Town  | 5 | 2 | 1  | 5    | 11    | 54  |
| Chislehurst & WK  | 5 | 2 | 0  | 8    | 5     | 49  |
| Offham  | 5 | 1 | 1  | 4    | 12    | 42  |
| Wickham Park  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 5    | 8     | 29  |
| Walmer  | 5 | 1 | 0  | 3    | 8     | 27  |
| Bickley Park 3rd XI   | 5 | 0 | 0  | 8    | 10    | 18  |
| FIXTURES  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| (All games start at 1.15pm unless otherwise stated)   |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| <b>PREMIER DIVISION (NOON START):</b> Sevenoaks Vine v Bickley Park, The Mote v Tunbridge Wells |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| <b>DIVISION ONE:</b> Broadstairs v Tenterden  |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| <b>DIVISION TWO:</b> Holmesdale v Hythe   |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| <b>DIVISION THREE:</b> Linden Park v Sidcup   |   |   |    |      |       |     |
| <b>DIVISION FIVE:</b> Cowdrey v Wickham Park  |   |   |    |      |       |     |

CRICKET ROUND-UP

## Home comfort for high-flying Park

A HOME game against struggling Sidcup offers Linden Park the perfect opportunity to increase their lead at the top of Kent League Division Three on Saturday.

The Tunbridge Wells side moved top of the pile last weekend thanks to a 54-run win at the home of previous leaders Bromley Common. Stuart Clarke (79) and Jayden Hoare (81) starred with the bat as Park reached 247 for 8, before bowling the hosts out for 193.

Also flying high are Cowdrey, top of Division Five and still unbeaten since their promotion from the Regional League. This weekend, they host Wickham Park at Swanmead.

In Division One, Tenterden travel to Broadstairs looking to bounce back from their six-wicket defeat at home to Canterbury.

Holmesdale, still winless and bottom of Division Two, entertain table-toppers Hythe.



# TUNBRIDGE WELLS FESTIVAL WEEK 2011

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**DRIVE:** Joe Denly hit 217 in two innings to help Kent beat Leicestershire in the Championship



**PACKED:** A capacity crowd of 5,000 watched the Kent Spitfires lose their opening Twenty20 game



**DEBUT:** New overseas signing Charl Langeveldt arrived in time to make his first Kent appearance



**ALL SMILES:** Supporters were seen queuing to get in to the Nevill, before and during the game



**RUINED:** Rain saw the majority of fans leave before Kent's defeat to Hampshire on Sunday

## Nevill future as Twenty20 host hangs in the balance

By Glenn Pearson

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ANOTHER successful Tunbridge Wells Festival came to a close on Sunday with more than 12,000 Kent supporters watching three fixtures at the picture-perfect Nevill Ground.

Cricket supporters in the west of the county showed again why they cannot be ignored by Kent bosses, with a capacity crowd of 5,000 turning out for last Friday's nine-wicket defeat against Somerset. More than 4,000 tickets were also sold for Sunday's 20-run reverse against the Hampshire Royals - although persistent rain meant only about 2,000 stayed on to watch the five-over slog at the end following a three-hour delay.

Nearly 6,000 watched Kent begin the week in style with a five-wicket win against Leicestershire in the LV= County Championship, but it's Twenty20 that has captured the imagination in Tunbridge Wells.

Yet, hosting 20-over cricket at the picturesque Nevill Ground is under serious threat as the county come to terms with a reduced Twenty20 programme next year. The schedule is being cut from eight home games to just five, and with Kent having forked out more than £8 million to redevelop their tired-looking St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, which includes the installation of floodlights, county bosses now have a real decision to make.

Kent chief executive, Jamie Clifford, said: "Next year we see a re-



**DECISION:** Kent chiefs must decide whether to keep Tunbridge Wells on the Twenty20 fixture list next year

duction in Twenty20 games and what I wanted the west of the county to show the club was that they wanted Twenty20 cricket here and they've shown in their numbers they want this type of cricket in this part of the county. We have a difficult decision next year with a reduced Twenty20 programme and well done to the folk of Tunbridge Wells and west Kent for making that decision very difficult for us.

"It's been a tremendous festival

week. Had the weather held on Sunday, we would have expected to have seen 15,000 people inside this ground within a week which would have been tremendous, as it was it was more like 12,000, but that said it was a pretty remarkable week of cricket."

Tunbridge Wells will, in effect, be up against Canterbury and Beckenham in staging Twenty20 cricket next season. However, with question marks still hanging over Beck-

enham's long-term future as an outground, an almost guaranteed sell-out at the Nevill surely cannot be overlooked.

Clifford added: "Knowing that you get a good crowd at Tunbridge Wells makes you think long and hard about where you put games, not just for Twenty20, because there is a strong Kent following in the west of the county that we have a responsibility to lay on cricket for."



**SMASH:** Darren Stevens put on a show for the Tunbridge Wells crowd with a display of big hitting on his way to 68 against Somerset on Friday night



**HIGH FIVE:** James Tredwell celebrates with his team-mates after picking up a five-wicket haul as Kent began the week with a Championship victory

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## TOURING CARS

WITH TIM HARVEY

Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

## 'Oulton Park had just about it all'

“WITHOUT doubt, last weekend's action at Oulton Park was the most dramatic of this season's British Touring Championship (BTCC) so far.

We had wet races, team-mates crashing into each other on the last lap, an outburst from Jason Plato - we had just about everything you could expect from this championship.

It was quite amazing to watch from the commentary box as Honda team-mates Gordon Shedden and Matt Neal came round the final corner in race two, leading by some distance, only to crash and hand victory to Jason Plato, who had been sitting third. Quite simply, it must top the list for all-time BTCC faux-pas. I've seen team-mates crash into each other before, but not when they've been leading the race going into the last corner.

It was absolutely unbelievable and I don't know what Neal was thinking. I admire him racing to the death against his own team-mate, but on the other hand he'd already locked up his brakes earlier in the race and run into Shedden, so he shouldn't really have been that confident on the brakes and attempted to pass his own team-mate when they were both set for an excellent points haul. It was a genuine attempt to pass, but it was completely rash. If it had been anyone other than his team-mate, he'd probably have been hauled in by the clerk of the course.

Plato may have won the race but he certainly wasn't happy afterwards and I was massively surprised by his reaction. I expected him to get out and laugh all the way to the podium at Honda's misfortune and his gain. Instead, he got out of the car very highly-charged, shouting his mouth off about the regulations regarding the turbo-charged cars and most people felt it was inappropriate.

Of course, Plato has his opinion, which is shared by others, but he's got to get it in balance. A bit of gamesmanship is all part and parcel of touring car racing, whatever the rules and regulations, but Plato's getting so completely wrapped up in it, he's showing a weakness. It's going to be an issue that dominates the season and the arguments will continue.

Mat Jackson's win in the third race for Airwaves Racing really was an impressive drive. He beat Shedden in a Honda with no ballast on board. Shedden would have been fired up to score maximum points, but he couldn't lay a finger on Jackson.

## TOURING CARS

# Jackson's title hopes still alive after turbulent race weekend

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DREAMS of lifting the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) remain intact for Mat Jackson and Motorbase Performance despite a nightmare start to the latest round of the series at Oulton Park.

Jackson travelled north second in the championship and eager to apply further pressure on front-runner Matt Neal, but his weekend looked to be over as quickly as it had begun after the worst qualifying session imaginable.

Airwaves Racing, the team representing Wrotham-based Motorbase in the BTCC, looked on in horror as Jackson's car skidded on oil deposited by his team-mate Liam Griffin, before crashing off the track and sustaining heavy front-end damage.

Having qualified 10th, Jackson failed to finish the first race and the early exit meant he started second-last for race two. Despite a shunt from Paul O'Neill, he managed to make up 12 positions and was then given a further boost when Honda team-mates Matt Neal and Gordon Shedden both crashed out, boosting Jackson up into the points.

Finally, the team's luck changed when Jackson was drawn at the front of the reverse grid for race



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**CONTRAST:** Mat Jackson (left) bounced back from a crash in qualifying to win the third BTCC race at Oulton Park

three. Jackson held off the stern challenge of Shedden's Honda Civic to chalk up his second race win of the season, which keeps him within seven points of Neal in the drivers' championship.

"It was a full on weekend of highs and lows," he reflected. "Saturday's qualifying session was really unfortunate with what happened with Liam's car and then us collecting damage in the same incident. It was disappointing not to finish

and to have to start at the back of the grid for race two. At that point, you really know that you're having a bad weekend, but a ninth-placed result gave us the chance of the reverse grid for race three. I couldn't believe it when the reverse grid went in our favour, after the luck we'd had. It was fantastic to be able to capitalise on our good fortune and for the Focus to put in such a convincing win."

Oly Collins, the Airwaves team

manager, added: "Race three was a great end to this tough weekend and goes some way to paying back the team for their amazing hard work and effort. Mat drove a blinder to outpace Gordon's Honda and it's great to get another win for the team."

Griffin's disappointing season continued, meanwhile, as he failed to pick up a point in Cheshire. The BTCC resumes at Yorkshire's Croft circuit on the weekend of June 18.

## GINETTA SUPERCUP

## Battler Hill edged out but closes gap

TWO podium finishes at Oulton Park may have represented a successful weekend for Jake Hill, but the teenager returned home from the Cheshire circuit with mixed feelings.

Hill, racing in the Ginetta GT Supercup, closed the gap to G50 class leader Tom Ingram although he was frustrated not to win Sunday's rain-affected race, crossing the line just two-tenths of a second behind Aaron Williamson.

As the rain began to fall, the drama stepped up as the 17-year-old began to eat away at Williamson's lead, established in dry conditions.

Just as the Goudhurst racer looked set to reel him in, though, the more powerful G55 car of Alastair James moved past and although Hill regained his position, he was never able to make up the gap to Williamson.

However, having seen series newcomer Lee Pattison streak away to victory in race one, Hill looked for the positives from a dramatic round.

"Race one was a bit tough, but [the second one] was brilliant," he said. "I love these conditions but it was so slippery on slick tyres and I nearly went off about 10 times. It was such a shame James got in the way because I had the pace and the car under me to win."

"At least we're now second in the championship, a bit closer to Tom and I got my first fastest lap of the year. I can't wait for Croft now."

The season resumes next weekend.



**SPLIT:** Tom Onslow-Cole has quit AmD Milltek

## TOURING CARS

## Onslow-Cole cuts short Milltek stay

A DRAMATIC British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) season took its latest twist on Sunday when Tom Onslow-Cole ended his short stay with AmD Milltek Racing just minutes before the third race at Oulton Park.

Milltek team principal Shaun Hollamby, from Pembury, pulled off one of the shock signings of the close-season when he agreed a deal to bring highly-rated Onslow-Cole on board.

However, the 24-year-old accepted an offer to move back to Team Aon last weekend and Hollamby opted to withdraw the team's VW Golf from race three. Onslow-Cole secured nine championship points during his stay with Milltek.

Hollamby must now decide whether to recruit a new driver in time for next weekend's trip to Croft, or step back into the car himself.

## INDYCAR SERIES

## Texas trip marks Conway's return

MIKE Conway has the first chance to obliterate the memories of his Indy500 disappointment this weekend as the IndyCar Series heads to Texas for the Firestone Twin 275s.

The Sevenoaks driver failed to qualify for the world-famous race at Indianapolis and his absence on the grid saw him slide down to 10th position in the overall driver standings.

Conway has experienced mixed fortunes so far this season. A crash at the first corner of the season's opening race in Florida forced him to retire from the Grand Prix of St Petersburg, before suffering a similar fate in Alabama, recovering from an early spin only to be sent into the barriers on lap 47.

However, he battled back at Long Beach, not only finishing his first race for new team Andretti Autosport, but claiming his maiden victory since entering the Indy Car Series in 2009.

A rain-affected race in Sao Paulo saw Conway's car stall in the wet, but he somehow clawed his way back through the field from 20th position to cross the line sixth.

Now, he is out to gain ground on the championship leaders at the Texas Motor Speedway, near Fort Worth. Last year's horrific Indy 500 smash means Conway is making only his second Firestone appearance, having finished 15th in 2009. After Friday evening qualifying, the race starts at 8pm on Saturday.

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